

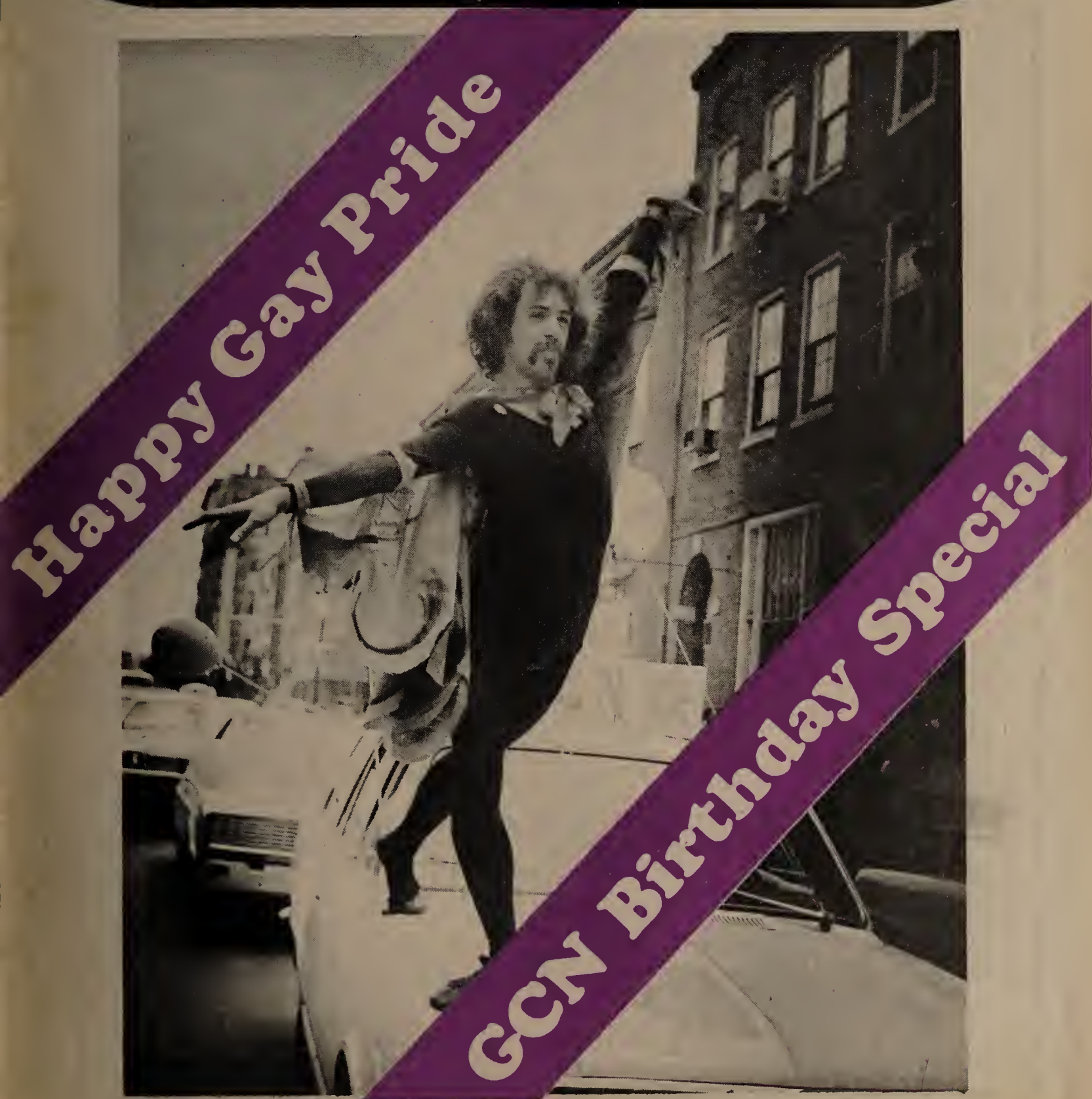


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O'Leary: 'We've Been Disenfranchised'

Carter Consensus Crushes Rights Plank

By Neil Miller

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Attempts to persuade the Democratic Party Platform Committee to include a position on gay rights in the party's statement of election year principles were thwarted in the name of party unity last Tuesday in Washington. At a meeting dominated by supporters of Jimmy Carter, the former Georgia governor, who is virtually certain to be this year's Democratic nominee, the Platform Committee compromised on a wide variety of potentially volatile issues such as abortion, busing, amnesty for Vietnam War deserters, welfare reform and national health insurance. The attempt to include gay rights in the platform was defeated on

the floor of the committee by a vote of 57-27.

Jean O'Leary, an open lesbian who is a delegate to the convention and who led the fight for the gay rights plank, told GCN that "We have been cut out, disenfranchised from the Democratic Party." She put the blame for the defeat of the plank squarely on the shoulders of the Carter organization. "Everybody was whipped into line. A lot of people wanted to vote for the plank. The Carter people said 'Vote your conscience,' but everybody knew what was going on."

There is some question at this point as to Jimmy Carter's role in the defeat of the gay rights plank. In recent public

statements Carter has been supportive of gay rights and has promised to sign the National Gay Rights bill if it reaches his desk, assuming that he is nominated and elected. Jean O'Leary told GCN that two women, prominent in New York Democratic politics went and talked to the former Georgia governor to persuade him not to include the gay plank in the general watering-down and compromise that was going on in the platform committee. Carter reportedly told the two women that he agreed with them and that he would call up and speak to the manager of the Carter forces on the platform committee, Stuart Eizenstadt.

It is not known what transpired during the Carter conversation with his floor manager. But after the conversation, Eizenstadt stated that while Carter reaffirmed his support of gay rights, Eizenstadt himself had personally intervened and persuaded the candidate to withdraw his support of the plank.

"Jimmy Carter shouldn't be absolved of responsibility," Jean O'Leary told GCN. "He shouldn't have his cake and eat it too . . ."

The gay plank, — which dealt with a wide range of issues including the sodomy laws, employment and housing protection, tax inequities, lesbian

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Maine Mother Wins Her Custody Battle

By Susan W. Henderson

PORTLAND, ME — "We're thrilled," Carol Whitehead told members of the Maine Gay Task Force in Portland when she announced that Maine Superior Court Justice Harry P. Glassman had awarded her unconditional custody of her children. Whitehead's former husband, Danny F. Black, had challenged her custody of their two children because she is a lesbian.

In a 13-page decision, dated June 14, Justice Glassman wrote that the overriding concern of his decision was "the best interests and welfare of the children." Noting that homosexuality is not a crime in Maine, Glassman stated "A court charged with the responsibility of acting in the best interests of a minor child must inquire into the psychological, social and moral well-being of that child as well as its physical well-being. To this end the sexual activity of the mother or father,



Carol Whitehead, Maine Lesbian Mother.

becomes a relevant consideration, not for the purpose of censoring or criticizing the manner in which the parent lives, but for the purpose of determining the impact of the parent's life style upon the minor child. Thus the inquiry would be the same whether the parent is living in an adulterous heterosexual relationship or a homosexual relationship: What is the effect on the child exposed to this relationship?"

In his decision Glassman found that the present home life at the North Berwick farm of Carol Whitehead adequately meets the social, psychological, physical and moral needs of the children. His ruling placed heavy emphasis on the testimony of Dr. Adair Heath, director of the Division of Child Psychiatry at the Maine Medical Center. Dr. Heath testified that the "home life appears stable and activities are as in any heterosexual home."

Whitehead said that Glassman's decision "gives you faith in the system, it's a marvelous kind of Bicentennial present." She learned the good news while looking out her window, seeing her lawyer, Kim Matthews, running up the stairs carrying a bottle of champagne. Matthews, a partner in Maine's only all-women law firm in Portland, said that, considering Glassman's reputation for legal scholarship, the decision would probably carry weight with other state judges considering similar cases.

For Carol Whitehead, the decision means an end to thirteen years of fleeing and harassment from her former husband, Danny Black. She moved to Maine a year ago to gain peace and security from Black, who on various occasions has attacked Carol, both verbally and physically. Black arrived in Maine on April 28 and attempted to take the children from their school. School officials refused to release the children to Black, which resulted in the subsequent court battle.

Although elated with the court's decision, court costs and legal and witness fees were about \$1,550.00. Any donations to help pay the bills would be greatly appreciated. Please, if you can help, send contributions to the Carol Whitehead Legal Defense Fund, Box 4542, Portland, Me., 04112.

Copies of the decision may be obtained for \$2.00 from the Maine Gay Task Force, Box 4542, Portland, Me., 04112.

Boston City Hall Pride Meeting Set

BOSTON — In the wake of the Boston City Council's refusal to permit the Gay Pride Planning Committee to hold a meeting in the council chambers, the Committee has received permission to have a meeting across the hall. The City Hall meeting, which will take place with the permission of Boston Mayor Kevin White (the Council's province extends only to its chambers), was arranged by Rep. Elaine Noble through Deputy Mayor Kathy Kane. The meeting will take place on Monday, June 21, at the exhibit room on the fifth floor of City Hall, at 7:30 p.m.

State Reps. Elaine Noble, Barney Frank and Mel King, and some of King's fellow Black Caucus members, made a last-ditch effort to persuade the Council to let gays use the chambers in an appeal to Council President Louise Day Hicks. The representatives told an aide to Mrs. Hicks that they would be willing to "babysit" the chamber, since no council member had indicated a willingness to be present as is required. However, as GCN went to press, Mrs. Hicks had yet to reply to the offer of the three legislators.

The meeting, which will be part of many forums and workshops scheduled as part of Gay Pride Week, will feature a list of speakers and will deal

with community issues. Greg Hanifan, who has been working to get the City Council to approve the meeting, was "pleased" with the City Hall decision. He also told GCN that a recent article in the *Boston Herald-American*, a daily newspaper which has given extensive coverage to the subject, was "inaccurate." "The article stated that Mayor White refused to meet with us,

That's just not true. We never asked to meet with the Mayor. Everything was done through Kathy Kane."

The *Herald* article also quoted Hanifan as stating that the council refusal was "an act of blatant discrimination because other groups have used the facility, some repeatedly." Use of the city council chamber by the

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Rhode Island 'Gay Centennial' Still in Doubt

PROVIDENCE, RI — RI '76, the Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission, has told a gay group, Towards a Gayer Bicentennial, that they must spell out in detail their program for participation in the state's Bicentennial events. RI '76 made their decision in a letter to Judge Raymond J. Pettine, which was delivered to the judge on 10 a.m. last Thursday. In a decision the week before, Judge Pettine had given the Commission one week to endorse the gay group's proposal or, as an alternative, to write in "clear and precise terms capable of even-handed application" the standards to be used in evaluating all proposals.

At a Tuesday night meeting, after the judge's decision, the Bicentennial

Commission chose to follow the second alternative. Towards a Gayer Bicentennial had originally asked to hold a rally at the Old State House, 150 Benefit Street, as the site for a congress of "people with gay concerns." After RI '76 rejected the proposal, the gay group went to court.

According to Mary Brennan, coordinator of RI '76, the gay group "never defined their program, never told us the time that they wanted, nothing was developed." The purpose of the new guidelines, according to Brennan, is to compel the gay group (as well as all other groups) to spell out in details "what their proposal is."

Brennan told GCN that "we're not opposed to them because they're gay.

We simply insist that what individual groups do be related to the Bicentennial. If the gay group wants to do a history of homosexuals in America since 1776, this would be OK with us. But they have to develop their proposal in more detail."

Rev. Joseph Gilbert, the head of Towards a Gayer Bicentennial, could not be reached for comment as GCN went to press. However, according to Brennan, the whole issue should be decided in five days, once Rev. Gilbert re-submits the gay proposal to the Committee under the new guidelines. The gay meeting is planned for Saturday, June 26, to coincide with the city's first Gay Pride March.



news notes

SEX SCANDAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The growing Washington sex scandal is apparently expanding in scope beyond the original protagonists of Rep. Wayne Hays and his former secretary, Elizabeth Ray. According to Colleen Gardner, who quit her congressional staff job two months ago and has since revealed an involvement with Rep. John Young of Texas, gay men on congressional staffs have been compelled to have sex with congressmen.

"The men are affected by this system, as much as the women are," Gardner told the Associated Press. "Some men are oppressed sexually and other men are oppressed in different ways. They are often treated as servants." Gardner did add that sex between congressmen and their male aides is less common than sex between congressmen and their female staff.

MCC/MERRIMACK

HAVERHILL, MA — MCC/Merrimack Valley, a group which has been meeting weekly since January of this year, is planning to institute a monthly worship service. Services will be held at South Church, 292 State Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on the first Sunday of every month. On holidays, services will take place on the second Sunday. By picking the central Portsmouth location, the group hopes to serve northern Massachusetts, southern New Hampshire, and southern Maine.

Everyone is invited to the first worship service, which will be held on Sunday, July 11, at 7 p.m.

'FLAUNTING' APPEAL

WASHINGTON — The American Civil Liberties Union will ask the US Supreme Court to overrule a lower court ruling that stated that public acknowledgement of homosexuality by a civil service employee was grounds for termination. The US Court of Appeals in San Francisco had upheld an earlier ruling that Seattle gay activist John Singer's public statements were in fact "flaunting" of his sexuality.

SPEAKERS ALIVE

BOSTON — The Boston Gay Speakers Bureau is alive and well and will be holding a re-grouping session on Monday night, the 28th of June, at 8:00 p.m. at GCN offices, 22 Bromfield St., Boston. The Speakers Bureau is presently looking for someone, or a group of two or three people, who would be willing to take over the job of coordinating speaking engagements with active speakers.

The Speakers Bureau is always in need of new speakers, experienced or not, and old speakers are encouraged to attend this meeting also, and to bring new ideas! The Bureau is one of the oldest gay groups in Boston, and traditionally has provided high quality speakers to all types of audiences in eastern Massachusetts. It needs new input now — people and ideas — to keep it going; and there are other ways to help besides speaking.

If there are any questions about this meeting, call 426-8752 and ask for Dave Peterson.

MA BELL BLUES

SAN FRANCISCO — A panel of San Francisco Human Rights Commission has found Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company guilty of discriminatory employment practices against gay people. The three-member panel made their decision on May 28, upholding an earlier decision by the Rights Commission's executive director, Grant Mickins.

J. Boyd Fottrell, the Bay Area employment manager for the company, told the *Sentinel*, a San Francisco gay newspaper, that PT&T had in fact changed its policy on April 30 and felt that it now conforms to the city ordinance on gay rights. The ordinance bans anti-gay discrimination and forces cancellation of any outstanding city contracts with companies which are found guilty of such discrimination.

However, the telephone may appeal the panel's finding to a full hearing of the Human Rights Commission.

ANGRY MONTREAL

MONTREAL — In the wake of pre-Olympic police harassment of gay bars and bathhouses, Montreal gays have formed an organization called Comité Homosexuel Anti Repression/Gay Coalition Against Repression. At the organization's first public meeting, 200 angry people attended and decided to hold a large demonstration in the streets of Montreal. The demonstration will be Montreal's first gay liberation demonstration.

In addition, the Committee asks gays in all parts of the world to picket Canadian embassies, to write protest letters to Canadian authorities, and to write to Canadian publications. People may send letters to:

Prime Minister P.E. Trudeau, Parliament Bldgs, Gov't of Canada, Ottawa;

Mayor Jean Drapeau, Mayor, City Hall, Montreal;

Montreal Star (editor), 245 St. Jacques St., W. Montreal;

La Presse (editor), 7 St. Jacques, Montreal.

CAPOTE CATCALLS

MEMPHIS, TN — Celebrity and best-selling author Truman Capote told staffers of the Memphis gay newspaper *Gaiety* in an interview recently that the recent Supreme Court decision was "absurd." Capote called state sodomy laws "ridiculous and unenforceable." Critical of several recent Supreme Court decisions, Capote told the newspaper that he has sometimes thought he would like to "bump off" certain justices. "Especially that Byron White. He's a really treacherous son of a bitch."

Turning away from political matters, Capote stated that a major figure in his new book, *Answered Prayers*, is the lesbian writer Natalie Barney. Barney, who lived in Paris during the 1920s and '30s, was the friend of many famous writers and artists.

The *Gaiety* interview is one of the few interviews that Capote, author of such highly regarded works as *In Cold Blood* and *Other Voices, Other Rooms*, has ever given to the gay press.

FAMILY LOBBY FAILS

LOS ANGELES — The ominous threat of an initiative referendum on the California ballot this November to overturn that state's repeal of the consenting sex laws has apparently passed. *NewsWest* reports that the Family Lobby, the organization which has been attempting to get the necessary 320,000 signatures to put the referendum on the ballot, has admitted defeat at a Los Angeles news conference. Although deeply in debt and faced with lack of both financial and community support, the Lobby will continue its attempt to gather signatures through June 25 in the hopes of qualifying for the 1978 ballot.

The Family Lobby effort had been taken seriously by California gay activists and, had it been successful, could have posed a threat to gay legislation throughout the country.

MCC HOSTS DEMOS

NEW YORK — The Metropolitan Community Church of New York will be hosting a Hospitality Suite for all delegates to the Democratic National Convention. The suite, number 537 at the New York Hilton Hotel, will be open from 12 noon until 12 midnight, Sunday, July 11, 1976.

The room will be hosted by clergy and members of the Social Action Committee, sponsors of the event. It will contain visual displays relating numerous church ministries, such as Lesbian Mothers Group, Prison Ministry, World Missions, etc., and free informational material explaining the church's position on various moral and social issues.

SUGARDADDY'S

BOSTON — Boston's popular gay disco, Sugardaddy's (whose name was recently changed to The Boston Club), has been closed since Friday evening, June 11. A deputy sheriff told GCN unofficially that the owners of the club had been evicted, and other sources reported that the club was "deeply in debt." Since the owner's were unavailable for comment as GCN went to press, GCN hopes to have more information in the next issue.

INSURING US

CHICAGO — The first glimmers of change in the attitudes of insurance companies towards gay people is beginning to surface in Illinois. The State's Department of Insurance ruled recently that Illinois insurance companies may no longer discriminate against gays and single women. The new ruling will go into effect as of July 1.

The *Chicago Gay Life* reports that at hearings on the Department of Insurance decision taken recently, Lloyd Levin, president and founder of All Together, a Chicago insurance organization, told the hearings, "I think it's now time . . . to incorporate in the code the acceptance of the word 'lover' as a beneficiary designation." Levin's organization will soon offer an insurance program with life insurance designed for gays, singles and those living together. This is the first time such an insurance program has been implemented.

Meanwhile, *The Gay Life* Reports that Metropolitan Life Insurance has also responded to the ruling by re-writing its guidelines on insuring gay people. A Metropolitan Life in-house memo stated that gay couples should be afforded beneficiary rights equal to married couples as long as the gay relationship has existed continually for a year.

SILENT VOICE

BOSTON — Other Voices, the gay bookstore located at 30 Bromfield Street in Boston, is temporarily closed after store manager Claire Shanahan resigned. It is not clear at this point when the bookstore, operated by the Homophile Community Health Service (HCHS), will re-open.

TEACHERS BACKED

NEW YORK — The following resolution was passed by the Executive Board of the United Federation of Teachers at its June 14 meeting in New York City:

"WHEREAS, the United Federation of teachers has traditionally supported the civil and human rights of its members; and

"WHEREAS, the United Federation of Teachers recognizes the oppression of, and discrimination against, homosexuals in general, and homosexual teachers in particular; and

"WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of trade unions to provide their members with protections from all forms of discrimination on the job,

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United Federation of Teachers continue to support the civil rights of all members including homosexuals, and will continue to represent equally all of its members in all UFT activities, associations, and organizations, without regard to sexual orientation."

This resolution by the UFT follows similar resolutions passed by the American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association, the California Federation of Teachers and the District of Columbia Board of Education.

PRISON PLEA

ANGOLA, LA — Harold Vincent, an inmate at the Angola Correctional Facility in Angola, Louisiana, reports that both he and William Kissinger have been put in "separate one-man cells, forced to work long hours, under heavy-armed guard." Both Vincent and Kissinger have been active in gay prisoner organizing at the Louisiana institution. "We suffer constantly from a terrible malady; the cruelty of aloneness," he says.

In an appeal for public support, Vincent says "I have seen you get your forces together and fight to keep gays from going to prison for sodomy or 'crimes against nature.' But what, I ask you, are you doing for your Brothers and Sisters who are already here? The ones who, as part of their prison 'role,' are killed, stabbed, raped and sold into sexual slavery?"

"Yes, they have me in this cell," he adds. "I cannot see Bill, I cannot touch him, I cannot hold him. 'They' have a powerful weapon, don't they? All I can do is lay here, and think of him and hope to God that someone, somewhere out there will think of us."

Anyone who wishes to write to Vincent can contact him at Camp H-Cellblock #21, Angola, Louisiana 70792. His prison number is #73128.

Presbyterians Postpone Ordaining Gays

By Philip Gambone

BALTIMORE, MD — The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church meeting in Baltimore last month voted that it would be "injurious if not improper" to ordain homosexuals to the ministry. Additionally the Assembly reaffirmed a resolution passed in 1970 which stated that "the practice of homosexuality is a sin." Nevertheless, supporters of the ordination of homosexuals in the Presbyterian Church have told GCN that they are encouraged by the way the Assembly couched its stand.

A spokesperson for the Presbyterian Gay Caucus (PGC), Rev. David B. Sindt, said: "Needless to say we are not pleased but the General Assembly could have done a lot worse. The statement on ordination still leaves the final decision open for each presbytery to decide." (The United Presbyterian Church is divided into regional presbyteries, each with autonomy and authority to ordain persons to the ministry.)

"It was the best kind of statement to come out of the General Assembly," Sindt said. "Although it reaffirms that homosexuality is a sin, it frames that statement in the context that any statement the church makes is not made for all time."

Last year when PGC asked for official recognition as a group with a

"special cause," the Presbyterian Church denied their petition. The discussion which ensued at the 1975 General Assembly in Cincinnati was "painful and in bad taste," says the Rev. Donald Purkey of the Palisades (N.J.) Presbytery. This year it was Purkey's presbytery which helped to sponsor a bill in the Assembly calling for the Church to undertake a careful study of the issue and related questions concerning homosexuality. The bill or "overture" as it is called originated with the New York Presbytery. "This time the discussion was very thoughtful and reasoned," Purkey told GCN, suggesting that the initial homophobic reaction of the Church may be waning.

Sindt agrees: "The openness and modesty of the committee considering the various gay-related bills was impressive," he said.

Joan Abrams, the new national moderator of PGC who was expelled from her seminary because she openly

acknowledged being a lesbian, was at the 1976 General Assembly and monitored the committee's hearings on the gay bills. "I was impressed by their diligence. They made as liberal a decision as they could at this time. What we learned in Baltimore is that although the canon of Scripture is closed, the canon of the Gospel is never closed. The Gospel goes on. We make new decisions in light of new information."

Abrams is less optimistic about her own chances for ordination. "There's no door through which I can walk at this time. O.K., if we say everyone is a sinner, I can get behind that. But I don't want someone else defining my sin."

She said that the Church is playing legalistic games with openly gay persons seeking ordination. She herself has been "supported and loved," but added that when it comes down to the wire she felt abandoned.

The Palo Alto lesbian also told GCN she is fearful that the study, which will take one to two years to complete, will be too abstract. "Will we get people who have actually sat down and dealt with homosexuality and homosexuals?" she asks. "Often the people most open to participating in such studies have the least knowledge of what it means to be gay."

In a related event, Sindt, who had been denied permission to labor within the Chicago Presbytery because of his homosexuality, met with the Church's Permanent Judicial Commission on June 4. At that time the Commission annulled all decisions made by the Chicago Presbytery concerning Sindt's qualifications for ministry. But Sindt points out that his is a pyrrhic victory. "In effect I'm starting with the presbytery in Chicago." When asked what his next step will be, Sindt said: "The main decision I've made is not to make any decisions for a month."

Vara Foe Named to Licensing Board

By David Brill

BOSTON — Gov. Michael S. Dukakis added slightly more than his two-cents' worth to the seemingly endless battle between the two controversial Bay Village bars and local residents last week when he appointed Jon. C.

Straight, a 36-year-old Fayette Street businessman and immediate past president of the Bay Village Neighborhood Association, to a six-year term on the Boston Licensing Board. In making the appointment, Dukakis made clear his dissatisfaction with the performance of South Boston resident William F. Arrigal, whose seat on the three-member board Straight will now occupy.

The Boston Licensing Board is charged with the issuance of all types of licenses, such as those for entertainment and food, as well as for liquor. The Board, which is one of two city boards whose members are named are named by the governor (the other being the Boston Finance Commission), also has exclusive control over the setting of hours for bars, petitions for the expansion of licensed premises, and complaints against licensed premises. Boston Police, which are the Board's official enforcement agents, have been diligent in seeking complaints against Jacques and The Other Side over the last three years, along with the BVNA, but have often been rebuked in their efforts by the state's Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, which also serves as an appellate board that can overturn most local decisions.

The governor has been kept keenly aware of the feelings of Bay Village residents over the last three years through his close friendship with Boston lawyer Edward Barshak, head of the Massachusetts Bar Association's Ethics Committee. Barshak is also the attorney defending former BVNA president Dr. Lawrence Geohegan in a half-million dollar libel suit brought by bar-owner Henry Vara scheduled to be tried later this year. Geohegan publicly accused Vara of buying his way into the city licensing board and police department, a charge which, if proven, could cost the clubowner his interest in dozens of liquor-serving establishments.

State House sources say that the governor had given equal consideration to appointing Joseph Smith, president of the Allston-Brighton Civic Association and veteran community activist to the post. Smith, like Straight, is considered politically close to Boston Mayor Kevin White, who has repeatedly called for the closing of Jacques and The Other Side.

So while acceptability to White was important to Dukakis — three of his present cabinet secretaries were imported from the mayor's administration — the governor ostensibly had numerous other interests in mind in

making the appointment. Straight is president of the Boston chapter of Citizens for Participating in Political Action (CPPAX), the liberal political group which endorsed Dukakis in 1974 and campaigned heavily toward his election. Straight is also a member of the Ward Five Democratic City Committee, which also endorsed Dukakis that year. Thus, the possibility exists that Straight may have been appointed even if he were not affiliated with the Bay Village group.

Rep. Elaine Noble called Straight "a great guy," but added she had no part in nominating him or anyone else to the governor. Noble added that she would have approved equally of the appointment of Smith to the licensing board.

Straight's embarrassingly-ironic surname has raised eyebrows more than a few times. At a public hearing before the state's Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission in 1974, state Rep. Barney Frank — Straight's representative and close friend — was being questioned by Vara lawyer Francis J. DiMento as to what individuals were complaining most about the two Bay Village bars. Frank named Jon Straight, and his wife Susan.

"Is that Straight, as in the opposite of gay?" asked DiMento.

"No, it's Straight, as in the opposite of crooked," Frank quickly told Vara's lawyer.

Straight has been an outspoken opponent of Henry Vara for years, and is likely to display little sympathy or willingness to compromise with him should matters involving any other of his many business interests come before the licensing board. This is not likely to set well with Vara, whose many liquor-serving ventures in Boston — such as the mammoth Kenmore Club, Zelda's, and the Father's chain — have received notable cooperation from the board in the past.

Boston Pride Corrections

mon june 21

Opening Community meeting at the Gallery room opposite the City Council Chambers at City Hall in Boston at 7:30 p.m. All Monday meetings have been changed to meet on Thursday.

wed june 23

The General Meeting on Sexism within the Gay Community will be held at the Old West Church, Fellowship Hall (downstairs), Cambridge Street at 7:30 p.m.

sat june 26

The Discussion and slide presentation of Feminism and Advertising, sponsored by Gay Media Action, will take place at the Charles Street Meetinghouse at 9 p.m.

Shapp Proclaims Gay Pride Week

PHILADELPHIA — Governor Milton J. Shapp of Pennsylvania proclaimed the week of June 12-19 as Gay Pride Week in the State of Pennsylvania. Thus, all the citizens of the state — gay and 'straight' — will, for the first time in any state, celebrate the events growing out of the 1969 New York Stonewall rebellion.

The Governor's statement, issued June 9, reads:

"One of the least understood minority groups in this state is that group of men and women who comprise the gay liberation movement.

"Since emerging from anonymity, gay men and women have devoted much time and effort in educating the general public. Gay men and women seek equal rights in employment, in housing, and in the law.

"During the week of June 12-19, 1976, they will be celebrating Gay Pride Week in over 100 American cities.

"Gay men and women are deter-

mined to develop community integrity, to stand up for their rights, and to encourage their community to take its rightful and responsible place in society, and joining with others in seeking an end to prejudice, persecution and discrimination.

"As Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I hereby express my support for equal rights for all minority groups and for all those who seek social justice, and dedicate GAY PRIDE WEEK to those worthy goals."

The Governor's proclamation created immediate controversy and found itself on the front page of the *Harrisburg Patriot*, the daily newspaper in the state capital. Virtually every newspaper in the state carried a story about the proclamation. According to an authoritative source who was at Governor Shapp's side when he issued the proclamation, the Governor smiled as he signed it.

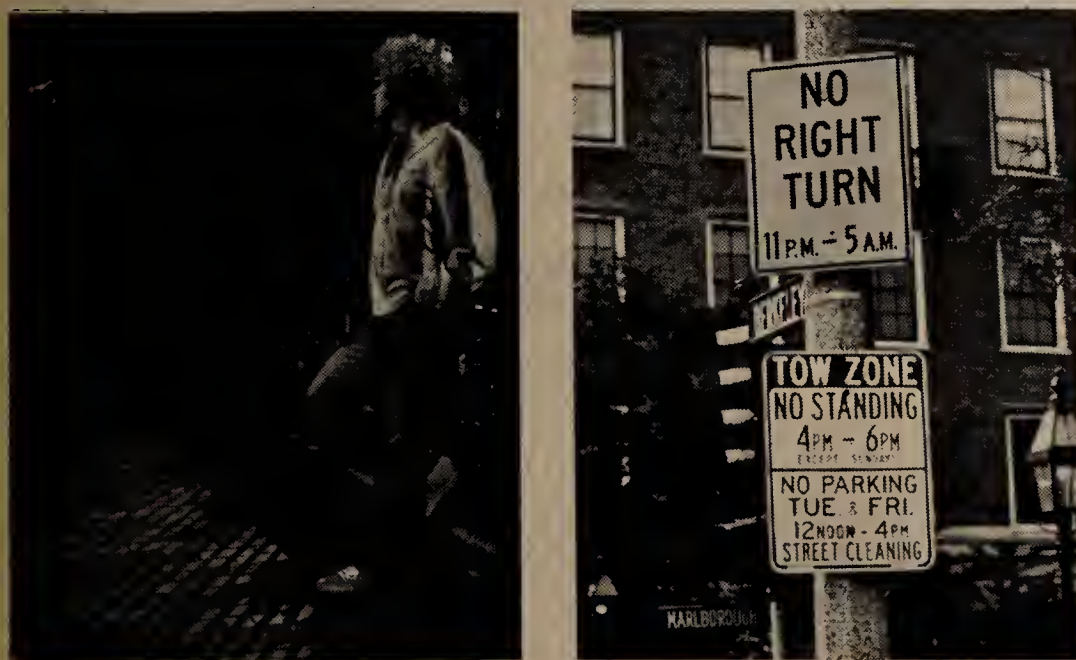


Photo by Ken Rabb

BLOCKING THE WAY: Also celebrating its third anniversary this summer is this mysterious street sign at the corner of Marlborough and Berkeley Streets in Boston's Back Bay. It was originally placed there to deter cruising motorists from "The Block" during the night hours, due to complaints from area residents. Gary Hayes, a spokesman for the Boston Police Department, says he isn't even sure if the sign is legal or not, and that the city's Traffic and Parking Department is in charge of street signs anyway. Traffic and Parking says it's up to the police to enforce the signs. But visitors to Boston should fear not: No one, according to the police, has yet to be cited for making the allegedly illegal right turn.



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SPEAKING OUT!

By Don Carter



Self-criticism isn't common within any "cause," but it may be very salutary, nevertheless. Three aspects of gay lib cry out for critical appraisal: politics, priorities, and personalities. They often overlap.

The political attitude of some includes the belief that Left is always liberal and all liberals are of the Left, with the debatable conclusion that a Leftist philosophy is always helpful or even necessary to gay liberation. It is shallow thinking, evidence of little historical or political knowledge. This is even more evident if the Left has a Marxist orientation, since the apex of the Left is the Soviet Union, where gays of both sexes are so harassed, imprisoned, and even tortured that few dare come out.

The Right? May be good; may be bad. I have spent much of the last twelve years in Spain and have neither seen nor heard of unjustifiable prejudice against gays. Only the unemployed hustler who may turn to robbery and the molester of minors has the law to contend with.

Politically we waste time and printer's ink supporting a candidate who has no earthly chance of becoming a nominee, simply because he supports anti-discrimination. There are other equally important stands for a presidential aspirant and, in any event, a President without Congressional help could do little in this area. Better to work for candidates on the local and state level where our efforts may count, taking into consideration *all* of a candidate's qualifications.

As for priorities, we must remember that Gay Lib is just that: liberation for gays. Naturally, we will be sympathetic toward other "minority" groups, but if we dissipate our energies all the hell over, it will take a long time to achieve our goal. Thus, leave Women's Lib, Black Lib, Indian rights, etc., to those most concerned. We are all in favor of them, but — as gays — they are not our prime concern.

Educational priority is also important. Changes in laws are vital, but there is still the fight for acceptance on the social level which can be advanced only by educating ourselves as well as others. How much are we doing here — individually, as groups, and in our press?

Then, personalities. To gain sympathy and acceptance, our image must be one which doesn't immediately turn everyone else off. Like it or not, Mr. Goodstein was partly right; many gays are unkempt and, therefore, quite probably unemployable. Photos of half the males in gay publications (lesbians are usually O.K.) are disreputable: untrimmed beards on men for whom any beard is unbecoming; weird, dirty-looking, wrinkled clothes. Some look like old-style Bolsheviks, others like left-overs from an old Republic pictures jungle film. Sure there are exceptions (Mark Segal is one) and certainly there are straights who look as bad, but we are fighting for *us* and should improve *our* image.

There's apparently no association for elderly male gays. Why not? The reason is partly commercial. What bar or club caters to them? What young gay welcomes them to his bar, club, or team? Unfortunate. Unless he is senile, an older gay is wiser than when he was young. He may be more conservative, but a little conservative "loyal opposition" can be a good thing. It can help blunt some crudities; it can sharpen an argument. We miss much of valuable education, experience, and wisdom by not including oldies in our campaign. We need the verve and nerve of youth; we need the experience and wisdom of age.

Finally, there is the lack of humor in much of the gay press. Where are the jokes on ourselves as well as on others? In ten consecutive issues of GCN studied there was no example of real humor. And, without it, we risk taking ourselves so over-seriously that we may become ludicrous to everyone else.

Readers may use this column to express their points of view. Typewritten material should be submitted to **SPEAKING OUT, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.**

TELL ME, JOEY



GCN will use this space to answer questions for our readers. Mail should be addressed to Tell Me, Joey, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.

Dear Joey,
I've heard quite a bit of mention in reference to the role that Stonewall played in gay liberation. Could you fill me in on the details?

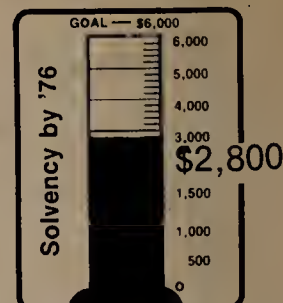
Sandra

Sandra,
The Stonewall Inn was a gay male bar in the West Village in New York City. During June of 1969, New York police began harassing the bar, and, for the first time within memory, gay people, led by the most "effeminate" among them, fought back against the police in five nights of rioting. The *Village Voice* wrote at the time: "Sheridan Square this weekend looked like something from a William Burroughs novel as the sudden spectre of 'gay power' erected its brazen head and spat out a fairy tale the likes of which the area has never seen." The Stonewall riot is seen as the first salvo of the Gay Liberation movement, which began its growth and development shortly thereafter.

It is ironic that this year's planning committee in Boston has excluded bars from being represented in the parade, since the reason for Stonewall was to *keep a bar open in the first place.*

Joey

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scolding

Dear Letters:
Just a brief note to scold the person who put gay pride posters on the trees in the Boston Common. I'm glad someone else tore them down shortly after they were put up. There must be a better way of publicizing a gay event than by defacing the natural beauty of Boston.
George Dimsey

history

Dear GCN:
Thank you for Richard Dey's delightful tongue in cheek (or what have you) romp through the life of Alexander von Humboldt. As a historian of mathematics, I was especially interested in his inclusion of three mathematicians whom many would regard as the greatest of all time — and two of them he lists as gay (two out of three ain't bad!). That Newton was a misogynist is, however, no evidence. More to the point, as Master of the Mint he was the first to crinkle the edges of our coins. There's a bit of high camp for which, in my opinion, he has never been given enough credit. And why tell us that Archimedes invented a screw? That only raised his water level (bad for the figure, my dears). It is enough to recall the familiar story of him streaking the streets of Syracuse (in imperial drag, as Hans Christian Andersen would say) and shouting "Eureka!" ("I have found it!"). What gay male (or female, for that matter) cannot appreciate the joy of finding *it*, after having lost it perhaps for several days?
And why leave Gauss as the straight man in this trio? The sister of Gauss' young friend Wilhelm Weber once wrote their brother to complain: "Wilhelm can enjoy Gauss every day as long as he desires." One has only to look at the statue in Goettingen of the two of them discussing their invention of the electric telegraph. You don't have to be a faggot to see the current between them!
Hubert Kennedy



equal time

Dear People:
I love the paper, lust after it weekly to find out *honestly* what is happening within our movement around the country.
However, I must offer a touch of consternation at Tony Russo's blatant press-agentry for the National Coalition of Gay Activists. To read "New York Revelations," one would think that the entire NYC movement consisted of CSLD fights or the "marvelous work" of NCGA, NCGA, NCGA. While that group has presumably been doing good activist work, Tony has not given equal or even fair space to other groups doing similar if not superior good work.
People outside of New York should be aware of the incredible resurgence of strength in the Gay Activists Alliance; the nurturing activities of Lesbian Feminist Liberation, including publishing of "The Lesbian Feminist"; the continuing counseling/informational activities of Mattachine; the formation of Dykes and Tykes for lesbians involved with children. Indeed, they should also be aware that the idea of a march on the Democrats originated with the New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations — the group which is doing the organizing and actualizing of that particular march.
I resent the weekly visual block of where to contact NCGA (and hopefully send your checks or money orders) when LFL, GAA, Mattachine, D'nT, and NYSCGO — among other groups — are just as needy and worthy of the plug, if not more so. As the only regular presenter of movement news from NYC, Tony owes it to us to cover *all* the political groups — not just the ones with the most convenient press releases.
As usual,
Loretta Lotman

sarah

Dear GCN,
Since I've been reading the gay press for about fifteen years now, I would like to praise you for being the best gay paper I've ever read. I started from the day I learned my youngest son was gay. It was one of my many ways of learning about his world, his profile.
GCN does correctly carry many different points of view. It would be very stupid to think all gay people are all alike in their thinking. Only one thing does trouble me: Occasionally there is a letter or a point-of-view that does add up to being anti-gay. To put down anyone's lifestyle, to put down any gay people, is really anti-gay and only the homophobiacs profit by that. I'm grateful to say that nearly always some gay sister or brother does answer it correctly.
Since gay people are everywhere, in every walk of life, in every occupation, in all political parties, and in all religions, my own slogan is appropriate: "Unity in Diversity." Let each one do their own thing their way. The movement needs everybody, but only the enemy profits when serious splits take place and anyone thinks they can put down anyone else.
Election time is crucial in our land — let's not forget the lessons of history. I am old enough to well remember the growth and development of Hitler fascism. I constantly wear my pink triangle as a reminder of these atrocities. No gay person is truly safe unless *all* are safe. Let not even the rich and powerful forget the lessons of history because it "can happen here," unless we keep our country on the progressive and liberal course. Freedom is truly indivisible. Discuss and differ — yes; fight and put each other down and we will all pay a sad price in an overwhelmingly homophobic society.
With love to all,
Sarah Montgomery

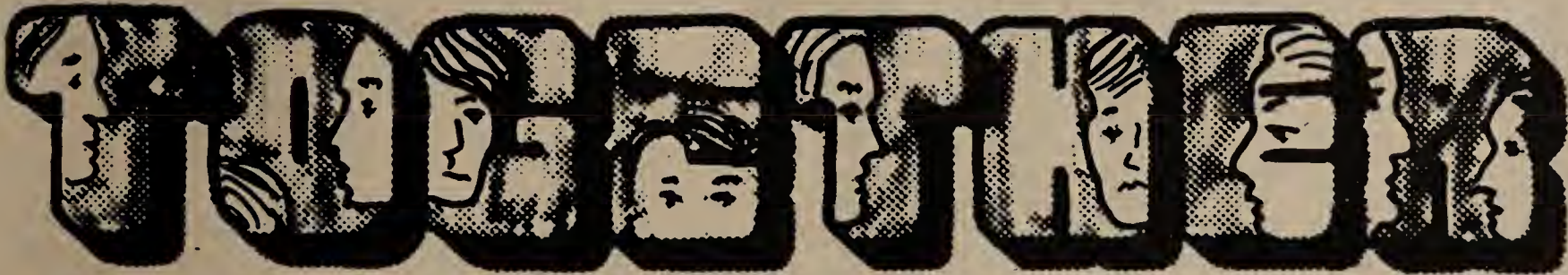
planked

Dear GCN Editors and Gay Community:
Having just heard the news that the Democratic Platform Committee has refused to include homosexual rights as a plank in its political program for this presidential year, largely due to the efforts of the Jimmy Carter team, I feel it once again is time for those persons in our vast community who are positive about their gayness to assert themselves in joined effort to let the leading presidential candidate know our concerns, needs and size. May I urge GCN to begin a "9¢ Campaign", the cost of one postcard, to inform Mr. Carter and others with his chaste platitudes that we are a large voting body with specific needs that he refuses even to openly acknowledge in his supposed concern for all Americans as a Presidential candidate and all persons as a professed Christian. Devote an editorial, a combined news and feature article, more than one issue to a "9¢ Campaign" to those addresses you feel would be best affected by such a write-in. Urge all other gay publications, Gay Media Action, Gay Pride Week sponsors and speakers, and all interested persons to pick up on such an idea, give it impetus, write, until the momentum of such an impulse is felt and understood. We vote for a President only once every four years. Let's let our suffrage be known this year!
Sincerely,
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NEW YORK REVELATIONS

By Tony Russo

NEW YORK — The National Coalition of Gay Activists has set up headquarters for the organizing of a non-delegate presence at the Republican National Convention in Kansas City and the Democratic National Convention in New York City. Their site is located at 304 West 39th Street in Manhattan. It will be leased until July 20. In that time the group will be organizing and encouraging support of demonstrations at both conventions. Presently, the group is asking all those who plan on attending the convention to contact the group so that housing arrangements can be made. Their address and phone number is:

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Gay Pride week begins officially in New York City on June 20. Although there will many other events occurring, at the time this column went to press the events planned were:

Sunday, June 20

LESBIAN PRIDE NIGHT — Sharing ideas: Karla Jay, Isabel Miller and Lesbians Organized for Video Experience.

Lesbian art show and pot luck supper begin at 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St. Donation \$1. Women only. Sponsored by Lesbian Feminist Liberation.

Tuesday, June 22

FORUM — "Chicago '68 of New York '76? How should Gays demonstrate at the Democratic convention in New York?" 7:30-10:30 p.m. Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 W. 14th St. Following the forum at 9 p.m. there will be a discussion and coffee hour to coordinate demonstrations and other events. Sponsored by the National Coalition of Gay Activists.

LESBIAN ARTS NIGHT — Music, poetry, classical guitar and readers' theatre. 8 p.m. Women's Coffeehouse, 54 7th Ave. South. Donation \$1. Women only. Sponsored by Lesbian Feminist Liberation.

WOMEN'S LOVE FEAST — A communal candlelight supper sponsored by the Women's Rap Group of Metropolitan Community Church of New York (MCC/NY). All women are welcome. Bring a dish or dessert for 4. \$1 donation (optional). 201 W. 13th St. at 7th Ave. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 23

LESBIAN FILMS — "Monday Morning Pronouns," "Dyketactics," and "Coming Out." 8 p.m. Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St. Donation \$1. Sponsored by Lesbian Feminist Liberation. Women only.

MEMORIAL EUCHARIST SERVICE — For the victims who have suffered emotional and physical damage and those who have given their lives in the fight for Gay Civil Rights. The service will be followed by a

Fellowship Hour. 8 p.m. Sponsored by MCC/NY. Address: 201 W. 13th St.

Thursday, June 24

AMAZON VISIONS — "A Sharing of Our Political, Spiritual and Cultural Visions." Guest panelists: Charlotte Bunch, Kate Millett, and Kay Gardner. 8 p.m. Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St. Donation \$1: Women only. Sponsored by Lesbian Feminist Liberation.

DINNER — in celebration of gay love. Bring a dish for four or contribute \$2. 7 p.m. Address: 201 W. 13th St. Sponsored by MCC/NY.

Friday, June 25

CONCERT — Musicians: Casse Culver, Alix Dobkin, and Willie Tyson. 8 p.m. St. Paul's Church, Columbia University, 117th St. and Broadway. Co-sponsored by Lesbian Feminist Liberation and Lesbian Activists at Barnard. Women only.

ANNUAL GAY PRIDE WEEKEND BENEFIT — featuring Juana Fleming and special guests from the Gay Community. Films celebrating the Gay experience, Open bar. \$6. Galaxy 21, 56 W. 23rd St. Sponsored by the National Gay Task Force.

Manhattan Lambda Presentation of Gerore Batson's mystery farce, "Ramshackle Inn," 18th Street Playhouse, 145 W. 18th St. 7:30 p.m. Donation \$2.50.

Saturday, June 26

National Gay Task Force Annual Gay Pride Benefit — same as Friday.

RALLY AND PICNIC — Speakers and entertainment including Maxine Feldman. Picnic co-sponsored with the Women's Caucus of the Gay Academic Union and Lesbian Feminist

Liberation. Rally sponsored by Lesbian Feminist Liberation. Begins at noon at the East Green at 72nd St. and Fifth Avenue. Free. Women only.

Manhattan Lambda Production presentation of "Ramshackle Inn." Same as Friday.

The Outlaw's Ball: The first choice ecstasy, passion and pain — A benefit for Gay Activist Alliance, Rooftop garden cafe, disco, two bars. 10 p.m. till dawn. Warehouse B on 84 King St., between Vairck and Hudson Streets in Greenwich Village. \$10 at door, \$7.50 in advance. Contact GAA for more information at (212) 541-7290.

Sunday, June 27

GAY PRIDE MARCH — Meet at 12 noon at Christopher St. and Sheridan Square to march up Sixth Avenue for a rally in Central Park at 2 p.m.

GAY PRIDE STREET FAIR — Christopher Street between West and Hudson Streets. 2 p.m. till midnight.

WOMEN'S DANCE — Beer, soda and snack food 9 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 76th St. and Central Park West. Donation \$3. Sponsored by Lesbian Feminist Liberation. Women only.

Rev. Troy Perry preaches at Worship Service. 201 W. 13th St. Coffee hour after service. Sponsored by MCC/NY.

Manhattan Lambda Project Presentation of "Ramshackle Inn." 7:30 p.m. Cost and place same as Friday.

For more information on all events, contact the Gay Switchboard at (212) 924-4036 from 6 p.m. till midnight.

GAA Forum Debates NY Solicitation Bill

By Kemeys Goethe

NEW YORK — On June 6 the Gay Activists Alliance held its monthly Gay Liberation Forum on the topic "Prostitution, Homosexuality, and the 'Clean-up.'" Speakers included E. Carrington Boggan, gay rights lawyer; Alice Sant'Andrea of the NY Now Organization for Women; Richard, a promoter for a male model agency; and Manfred Ohrenstein, NY State Senator and sponsor of the "anti-loitering" bill which recently passed the New York State Senate.

Sant'Andrea began her presentation by attacking prostitution as sexually exploitive of women. But, she contended, Ohrenstein's concern in introducing his legislation was not the rights and welfare of women and of prostitutes. Instead of rectifying injustices, that force people into exploitive situations, the bill was designed to "clean" the streets of "undesirables." But, in her words, "you clean up garbage, not people."

Ohrenstein began his presentation by noting at length his record as a civil libertarian and his support of (mostly unsuccessful) bills designed to strengthen the rights of women and gays.

Turning to the issue at hand, Ohrenstein supported eventual decriminalization of prostitution. But open solicitation on the streets is another matter, and that is what the bill is directed towards. He described the streetwalkers of 8th and 9th Avenues as a "plague of locusts." He denied that the forthcoming Democratic Convention at Madison Square Garden had anything at all to do with the timing of the bill.

In spite of valiant efforts by moderator David Thorstad to keep the peace, Ohrenstein's speech was punctuated by numerous shouted comments from the audience. But Ohrenstein prevailed with the help of his very impressive decibel power. Early in his speech two transvestites took the floor to protest indifference to their rights.

Village personality John-John spoke for the transvestites. He pointed out that transvestites and prostitutes are one of the primary attractions of New York City. Furthermore, many of the prostitutes, male and female, who would be affected by Ohrenstein's bill are themselves residents of his district, he noted.

During the question and comment

period, Ohrenstein was praised for his nerve in coming to the forum, but no one seemed to think much of his bill. One questioner suggested that neighborhood outrage towards the "plague of locusts" descending on Times Square had more to do with their class and race than their activities. Another

questioner criticized both Sant'Andrea and Ohrenstein for failing to make a clear distinction between verbal solicitation and physical assault. He noted that he has patiently endured numerous approaches from people desiring to save him for Jesus. "What could be more offensive?" he asked.

This citation was issued by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis congratulating Gay Community News for "exceptional service to the gay community." "We at GCN thank him for this honor, and also the Honorable Elaine Noble for sponsoring this commendation. GCN hopes to continue to uphold these standards in the forthcoming year."

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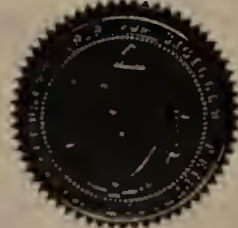
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The Gospel According to Jimmy Carter

SAN FRANCISCO — The following is the unedited, complete statement on gay rights made by Jimmy Carter at a May 21, 1976, press conference at the Hilton Hotel. The first question (Do you believe that homosexuals are immoral or sinners, based on biblical teachings; and as President, will you sign Congresswoman Bella Abzug's bill which would add sexual preference to the Civil Rights Act of 1964?) was asked by San Francisco newspaper reporter George Mendenhall. Included are additional comments made by Carter in answer to other questions on

the subject:

Jimmy Carter: "Well, I believe in the Bible teachings. The Bible teaches against homosexuality; the Bible teaches against fornication; the Bible teaches against adultery. And I do believe in the teachings of the Bible.

"We have laws, you know, which our state governments very seldom enforce. I think it's general practice in this country to concentrate primarily on the 'victim' crimes, not on the victimless crimes.

"The thing that I have meant and that I still maintain is that I don't think

that the government at the local, state or federal level should single out homosexuals for special abuse or special harassment, or special prosecution under existing laws. The laws are reserved to the states, as you know, under the Constitution as has been recently interpreted by the federal courts. So although I do not look upon those as many other things as sinful, including lying, or a lack of showing respect to your own mother and father, abuse of the Lord's Day; no, I don't think it's right to single out homosexuals for abuse.

"Matters that are criminal are the ones that are determined by law, as passed by Congress, the President, legislatures and Governors to be in violation, and in a state where this is a crime, it is criminal, yes.

"I will certainly sign it [the Bella

Abzug bill], because I don't think it's right to single out homosexuals for special abuse or special harassment. I certainly would sign it.

"I don't consider myself one iota better than anyone else because I happen to be a Christian, and I have never done anything other than keep strictly separated my political life from my religious life. I happen to be a Baptist and one of the basic tenets of the Baptist Church is the separation of Church and State. Also we believe in my denomination that one's religious beliefs are something between that person and God, directly. We don't allow our church leaders to which we belong to have any authority over our religious life. Each Baptist church is autonomous. And so is the separation of Church and State is very vivid for me."

Democratic Platform

(Continued from page 1).

mothers, and gays in the military — came up nine times at the platform sessions. In one subcommittee — the Government and Human Needs Committee — the plank was narrowly defeated 8-7 after a powerful and dynamic speech on its behalf by Midge Costanza, Vice-Mayor of Rochester. In the drafting committee, Rep. Bella Abzug of New York spoke up strongly in favor of the plank. O'Leary noted that in another subcommittee — Cities, States and Counties — a Carter supporter spoke up against the provision for repeal of the sodomy laws, stating "We don't need this claptrap in the platform. This is an issue that will draw the focus of the cameras."

At the Carter Issues Headquarters in Atlanta, Chip Cavett, a Carter aide, defended the decision to eliminate any reference to gay civil rights in the Democratic platform. "It's my impression that it was felt that a gay rights plank would be a real source of controversy. We wanted to avoid floor fights. We wanted to come out of the

platform and the convention as a stronger party. It definitely wasn't a question of slighting gay people," Cavett said.

The defeat of the gay plank (a "minority plank" was passed at the liberal-dominated 1972 convention) was especially bitter for people who worked hard on its behalf — Ginny Apuzzo and Jean O'Leary, both of the National Gay Task Force. "I'll continue to work within the system," said Jean O'Leary. "There have been lots of gains, individual, personal. We worked hard, we testified at regional hearings of the platform committee, we did everything we could do. But we got the shaft, there's no question about it."

O'Leary indicated that she would support a floor fight on behalf of the rights plank, if there is any chance of organizing it. "And I support the NYSGO demonstration, I supported it before I even went to Washington," O'Leary said. The demonstration will take place on Sunday, July 11, at Madison Square Garden.

Six Groups Back July 4th March

BOSTON — Five Boston and one Philadelphia group have endorsed the July 4 Coalition march in Philadelphia. The Boston Gay Pride Planning Committee, the Fort Hill Faggots for Freedom, the Susan Saxe Defense Committee, the Gay Men's Center of Boston Action Group, and the Gay Caucus of Youth Against War and Fascism are the Boston organizations who are backing the counter-bicentennial march. The Philadelphia Gay Activists Alliance is also supporting the march.

The July 4th Coalition is a broad-based coalition of left-oriented groups who are challenging the "official" Bicentennial celebrations, featuring President Ford, to be held in Philadelphia that weekend. Among the Coalition's demands, which include racial and economic justice and a "bicentennial without colonies," is a

strongly-worded call for an end to oppression to gay people.

Michael Bumblebee of Boston, who maintains membership in three of the gay groups who endorsed the demonstration, told GCN that it is important for gay people to join the march not only to support the struggles of other groups but "to support ourselves. The Coalition's demand for gay rights is seriously taken. It is a central demand. I think that this is a left demonstration that gay people can take part in and not feel that they are a token presence."

Despite the request by Philadelphia Mayor Rizzo for fifteen thousand federal troops to patrol the city on July 4, Coalition organizers promise a peaceful, non-violent march. Anyone interested in further information about transportation to Philadelphia should telephone the Coalition at 661-3007.

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Five Senatorial Hopefuls Talk Rights

By Jim Davis

NEW YORK — The following is a transcript of an interview with five Democratic senatorial hopefuls, which appeared on New York's National Public Television station (Channel 2) on Sunday evening, June 13. The candidates — New York City Council President Paul O'Dwyer, Assemblyperson Andrew Stein, former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Rep. Bella Abzug, and Abraham Hirshfield — are all running in the September primary for the Democratic nomination to oppose Republican incumbent Senator James Buckley. Also running on the Democratic side is former United Nations ambassador and Kennedy and Nixon advisor Daniel P. Moynihan. Since the interview, Assemblyperson Stein has withdrawn from the race, and the New York Democratic State Committee has designated O'Dwyer as its official candidate. The Committee also qualified Abzug, Moynihan, and Clark for the ballot. Hirshfield will have to go the petition route to gain a place on the ballot.

Questioner: Since I'm not familiar with your civil libertarian records as much

as I am with Ramsey Clark's and Bella Abzugs...

O'Dwyer: Who is it addressed to?

Q: I was addressing my question especially to Stein, O'Dwyer, and Hirshfield...

O'Dwyer: You're not familiar with my civil rights record, are you?

Q: No, not familiar enough, at least to vote for you. My Question is whether you will sponsor or support... HR252-54, amending the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include protection of gay citizens?

Moderator: Who would like to jump in on that? (Audience laughter)

Mr. Hirshfield, uh, all right (questioner repeats question)...

O'Dwyer:... That was addressed partially to me... I am a little bit surprised and I was surprised, because uh, I have been in the civil rights movement for a total of a lifetime. I have been in Mississippi, in the platform, in the court... I have been with Ramsey Clark in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. I have been in favor of the Ibos against the Nigerians. I have been for the Cubans against Batista, I have been for the Jews when they were fighting to set up their government in

the first instance, and more recently, Miss, I may tell you that I sponsored that kind of bill in the City Council, and I was a co-sponsor of it, and was ready to cast my vote if there was a tie vote, in its favor. (2 claps from table.) I don't believe in discrimination in employment, or social discrimination against anybody in the whole wide world, anywhere. (Long applause.)

M: Assemblyman Stein?

Stein: I, uh, don't believe in discrimination either, and, uh, while I can't (laughter, applause) it, a, doesn't really deserve applause, uh I don't know the particular bills, and I never say that I'm going to sponsor, uh, a bill when I haven't read it, because I've learned being in the legislature that you have to read a bill to say that I'm going to sponsor a specific bill, but I'm certainly...

Q:... an amendment to the Civil Rights Act?

Stein:... well you were referring, specifically, well, I, I'm in favor of no discrimination against anybody, including, uh, people for sexual orientation... so I, uh, uh suppose... that I would support it, uh, and I, I have to say that I, uh, sympathize with Mr. O'Dwyer not

understanding, a, you not knowing his record, because, a, I've admired Paul, and he has always been there fighting, uh, for people who have been discriminated against, so it's not too often that people say that about their opponents. But in Paul's case, it's well deserved.

M: Mr. Hirshfield, would you respond, please.

Hirshfield: In my opinion, nobody has a right to question anybody of... his private life. And it is a tremendous discrimination if anybody is questioning anybody. Everybody is God child and has a right, and has the same right to everything like any other person, and it's nobody's business what gay people are doing, what straight people are doing, what Rabbis are doing (laughter) and it's completely unimportant. (Applause, howls)

Abzug: I'm very glad to hear the response of my fellow candidates here, since HR5254 is my bill. (Applause)

M: Mr. Clark, would you like to discuss that question?

Clark: Yes, I favor the bill, and testified before Paul O'Dwyer and the New York City Council, on a similar bill that's been proposed for New York City.

Boston Meeting

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anti-busing group ROAR has created much controversy in the city.

Joe Abreu, chairperson of this year's Gay Pride Planning Committee, will chair the City Hall meeting. Also appearing at the meeting will be Rep. Elaine Noble of Boston, Rev. Edward Hogen, of MCC Boston, Carol Henderson Evans, Independent candidate for US Senate in Massachusetts, and

Maceo Dixon from the National Student Coalition Against Racism (NSCAR). There will also be representatives from the National Organization for Women, the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, and the Office of the Mayor of Boston at the meeting. In addition, representatives of the women's and black caucuses of the Gay Pride Planning Committee plan to speak at the meeting.

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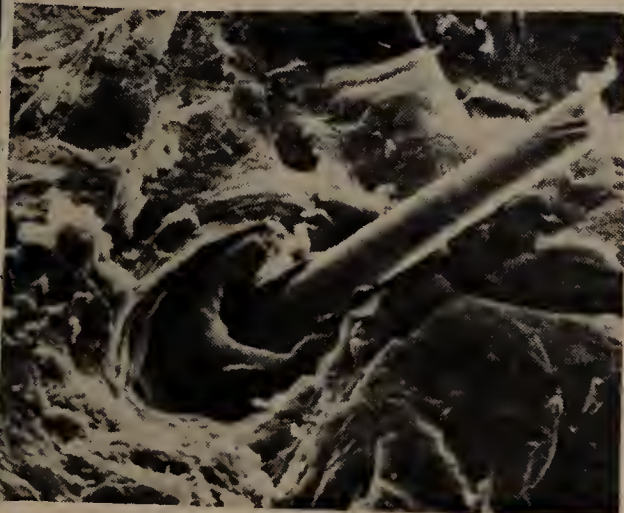
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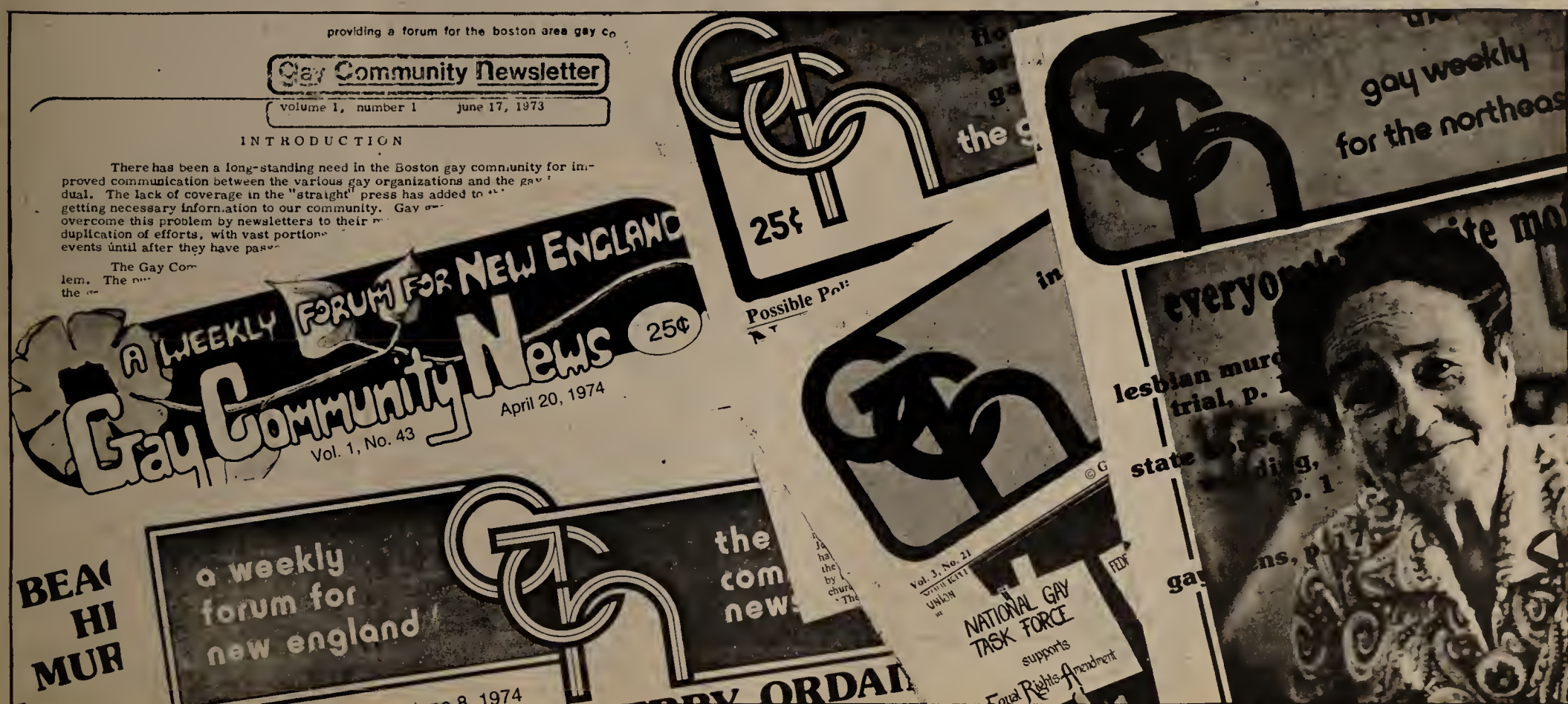
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Gay Community News



By David Brill

It will be three years ago this month that a rickety old mimeograph machine in the Charles Street Meetinghouse produced Volume One, Number One of the publication you are now reading. It was first the *Gay Community Newsletter*, on 8½x11 white paper, and was at times used for placemats at the Charles Street Meetinghouse coffeehouse, when it was not serving its intended original purpose, i.e., something to provide our microcosmic community with an elusive quality called unity.

Unity. That's what the Founding Brothers and Sisters were searching for, and what they were talking about in the Meetinghouse Coffeehouse in the spring of 1973. By the time Gay Pride Week had rolled around that year, the talk became energy and the energy produced something, a vehicle that would hopefully unite the acronymed Boston gay community.

Acronymed, you ask? Yes, Boston was (and still is) cluttered with gay counterparts to FDR's "Alphabet Soup Period" that must seem as strange to the straight reader as America's FCC, FBI, FTC, EPA probably appear to visitors from Hong Kong. DOB (Daughters of Bilitis), HUB (Homophile Union of Boston, now-defunct), MCC (Metropolitan Community Church), HCHS (Homophile Community Health Service), and SHL (Student Homophile League, also now-defunct) were in dire need of a local print medium in order that each group could know what the other was doing, without the ever-ready but rarely ever-accurate Gay Grapevine. Our community was growing too fast, and a newsletter (or newspaper) was then the appropriate resolution to the communication problem.

After the third issue, which was basically chock-full of meeting notices, event listings, and similar "insider's dirt," the venture was retitled as *Gay Community News*, and restyled into a four or sometimes eight-page offset tabloid that looked like a high school English class effort and that shrunk in height, gradually, as time progressed. From the beginning, the backing for it, the sponsorship, the office space, and even the envelopes were provided by the Charles Street Universalist Church through its minister, the controversial Rev. Randall Lee Gibson.

Ellen B. Davis, one of only two members of the paper's original staff still involved in Boston's gay community, has nothing but praise for Gibson. "Randy gave us everything we needed to put out the paper," she recalls. Davis, who served as the paper's equivalent of the cook-and-bottle-washer (handling news editing and writing, calendar events, and subscriptions) noted that for its first year, the newspaper was actually mailed out in envelopes bearing the non-profit postage permit of Gibson's church.

Slowly, the newspaper recognized that it had an obligation to provide more than meeting notices and gossip. A news story about police harassment on The Block or something Elaine Noble that made the *Globe*, a Rona Barrett-like tattletale column, or a regular disco-goers' feature — all these soon found their way into print.

The staff placed philosophy over everything else. For the first year, no person working on the paper — and often times for some it meant ten or twelve hours a day seven days a week — received a dime in remuneration. The first issues contained no advertising at all, and when the decision was made

(collectively, as all decisions still are) to accept advertising, several staff members resigned on the spot. This newspaper, they argued, was to be an *alternative* to *The Advocate* and to commercialized porno, and they would opt for no newspaper at all rather than a newspaper lacking principles. The fear that advertisers would ultimately dominate and control the entire paper was central in their minds, and they were determined to avoid it.

The desired quality of unity was (and still is) tested, harshly and regularly. The first of several major crises occurred when the paper's disco column lashed out at Boston's gay bars and discos, branding them as exploitative fire hazards and parasitic, cacophonous mishmashes. Of particular bite was "Jimmy the D.J.'s" designation of the 1270 Club as "a mess." It was a matter of hours when observant community members saw that the emperor had no clothes, that the alleged unity was only feigned, and rather poorly at that.

The majority of the outlets selling the infant journal stopped selling it. Bob White, then-owner of 1270, was hysterical, and his employees wrote an open letter demanding an apology and a retraction. Elaine Noble trotted down to the Meetinghouse and blasted the staff for allowing the publication of a piece of such inflammatory and, in her opinion, grossly ungrateful prose.

The staff was shaken, to say the least, and some of the members begrudgingly conceded that their community was indeed polarized on many issues, with the bars probably being the major one. That was the last they heard from Jimmy the D.J.

In the spring of 1974, the newspaper underwent many changes. The offices were moved from the back room of the

Meetinghouse (which had become so crowded that staffers literally had to walk around on the furniture to get about) to a rectangular studio on the second floor of 22 Bromfield Street, an office building downtown. By this time, the paper had completed a campaign entitled "Make It Happen" that solicited donations and short-term loans to get it the necessary sound financial footing. The newspaper began printing in newsprint, first just black-and-white, then to include color. The staff was starting to receive pay, pittance-like, but pay: \$60 a week gross for 40 hours. If they were not illegally collecting unemployment or welfare or familial financial assistance, the staff all held other full-time or part-time jobs. Two staff members were hired by the Meetinghouse as part-time youth advocates for Project Lambda.

The term "GCN" was born out of legal and situational necessity, not, as some may think, due to any alphabetical fetish on the part of the staff. The Meetinghouse was no longer the paper's sponsor, and if the newspaper was to mail out copies under a second-class postage permit in a sealed envelope, postage regulations stated that the title of the publication had to be on the return address. Since 99% of the paper's subscribers would be expected to cancel if anything marked "Gay Community News" arrived at their home mailboxes, it became known to the post office as "GCN," and the name seems to have stuck.

On May 8, 1974, G.C.N. was chartered as a non-profit corporation by John F.X. Davoren, then-Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Davoren's office had indicated that the Secretary would be disinclined to charter any organization with the word "gay" in its title. (Later in 1974,

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thongs of gays, marshaled by Barney Frank, Elaine Noble, and former HUB president Bob Dow, worked diligently toward the election of Rep. Paul Guzzi of Newton, who went on to defeat Davoren in the Democratic primary.) The legal assistance in obtaining the charter came from Boston lawyer Richard Rubino, whose law firm of Rook, Roth and Rubino continues to be counsel for GCN, as well as almost every gay group in Boston. Rubino has been recognized nationally as an expert in the field of gay criminal law.

The first three incorporators were Ian Johnson, David Peterson, and the aforementioned Ellen B. Davis. Johnson, who is widely perceived as GCN’s major founder (he served as Editor, Feature Editor, and Business Manager, among other things), has since moved from Charlestown to San Francisco. Peterson is still in Cambridge, and maintains his GCN association as Managing Editor of GCN’s “Gay Person’s Guide to New England.” Peterson, too, served in a variety of positions, including Business Manager, Classifieds Manager, and Co-Editor. Davis is still found in Boston as well, and produces the WCAS Sunday gay radio program, “Closet Space.” A former director of Gay Media Action, she also serves as a gay news advisor to WBZ-TV.

Upon its incorporation, GCN developed like Congress, into committees with chairpeople. The Policy Committee, originally chaired by Johnson, was charged with the gargantuan task of establishing principles for the newspaper to work by, sort of a Little Red Book for GCN. The Statement of Principles begins, “This is not the only way, but it is our way.”

“Our Way” kept in mind the basic philosophy that spawned the newspaper back in 1973 — uniting “the entire incredibly varied gay community,” a difficult, if not impossible task. GCN wanted to be different. *Fag Rag* was great for the male political radical; *The Advocate* would suffice for artsy, closeted, and anatomically-concerned men; *Focus* was almost all there was to offer lesbian feminists. GCN wanted all those markets and more, something that had never been successfully carried out. GCN wanted to be the Jimmy Carter of gay publications.

To the extent that the newspaper has grown in size, circulation, professionalism, and credibility, the effort has been successful. The GCN banner has changed often from “A Weekly Forum for the Gay Community” to “A Weekly Forum for New England” to “The Gay Weekly for the Northeast” to, simply and presently, “The Gay Weekly,” America’s first, by the way.

Like other newspapers, GCN operates with an organized group of staffers with their responsibilities, deadlines, and subordinates. The news department reviews almost every gay periodical available for possible stories and/or “news notes.” It also scans such papers as the *Manchester Union Leader*, and *Pax Centurion* (newspaper of the Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association), as well as magazines like *People*, *New Times*, *Psychology Today*, and *Newsweek* for items that could qualify for the “Did You See?”

column. Obviously, the costs of receiving these publications — along with the reading of most New York and Boston dailies and weeklies (e.g., the *Globe*, *Herald-American*, *Times*, *Village Voice*, *Phoenix*, and *Real Paper*) are tremendous. Much news copy, however, starts with telephone calls from readers.

The features department is constantly seeking out articles by or for or about gay people. Unlike the news department, which has no control over what events occur that require coverage, the features department can usually plan its pages in advance. Features must cover all segments of the community, and keep in mind that the paper’s readers include left-wingers and right-wingers, the artsy and the working class, as well as those that like to read organized prose on every subject from biography and psychology to books and economics. Features can also usually operate on more flexible hours than the news section, which must arrange to “be there” when something is happening, and on the job during the day when the right contact persons can be reached.

The most legwork at GCN is done by the staff of the advertising department. It is their job to find new accounts, keep good relations with old ones, and be on the lookout for possible advertisers. Ad people represent the newspaper to the people that supply GCN with most of its operating money, and are also therefore often subject to complaints from advertisers concerning the paper’s content.

The nitty-gritty of the paper’s goings-on comes under the jurisdiction of the business department, which handles all accounts payable and receivable, doles out salaries, and approves purchases. The business department works closely with the distribution and advertising departments (Classified and Display), as well as the subscription section and the people from GPG (Gay Person’s Guide to New England) in handling their funds.

Once a week, the business department makes its report to the paper at the Tuesday Night Staff Meeting. We then find out how well the paper sold last week, whether our financial state is on a mountain or plain or in a valley, and how well we have done during the week in terms of donations and other new business matters. Also during these staff meetings, which can sometimes get as hot and heavy as a good three hours of group therapy, each staff member airs his or her individual gripes. The week’s paper is reviewed, page-by-page. We also hear what has been said about the paper during the past week in the local media, and make decisions, by majority vote, as to any new policies and questions that are raised. Decisions to reject any advertising copy must be made by a two-thirds vote.

It is always a wonder that the paper comes out every week. But, thanks to our high-conscious and cheerful volunteers, there is always a good group on Thursdays to read and correct typeset in the afternoon, and to layout pages late into the evening. Then, on Fridays, a second bunch comes up to fold, stuff and mail. The talent and dedication of our volunteer staff always amazes us.



“It’s nice to see that my child is going to have a place in the sun.” Dave Peterson, managing editor of *Gay Person’s Guide*, is the only original staff member still around.



“No, in all conscience, I can’t print a segment of *Mary Hartman* instead of the news this week.” Neil Miller, Editor, receives input from a regular subscriber.

Volunteers have a decided voice in the running of the paper also. The board of directors, which oversees all decisions involving the corporation, is made of staff or volunteers elected by the membership of GCN. GCN’s membership includes all staff and volunteers that make regular contributions to the paper or the Gay Person’s Guide or GCN’s new division, Intergalactic Distributors. More than 60 people are members and at least a fourth are new people replacing ones who have left in the six months between general membership meetings. Therefore, GCN has a constant input from many different gay people.

GCN tries to keep its money within the community. Luckily, we have always had Xanadu Graphics, led by David Stryker, to do the typesetting. Stryker has, in fact, been mainly responsible for the GCN style. He is best loved for creating beautiful ads from our often badly-scrawled notes and for correcting the copy errors that even the fussiest editor can miss. But he is most appreciated for sitting at his space-age typesetting machine far into the night, sometimes until 3 a.m. Our printer, Revere Journal, does beautiful work but is not a gay-owned operation. They have always been super-cooperative, but jokingly complain that we demand magazine-like quality for our newsprint. Can we help it if we want to look better than any other newspaper? When we put “gay” on the front cover, we want to be proud of our product.

And we are. It is most gratifying to staff people to travel to other cities for conferences or meetings because the Gay Community News is so well-loved outside of Boston. We sell all over the world, and we are read all over the



“Say it loud, we’re Gay and we’re proud!” Ellen Davis (back to camera) leads the GCN contingent in the 1974 parade.



“By my calculations, we have enough” Stockman, office and layout manager, c

world. Last week we received four subscriptions from Israel. We mail to Australia and all places in between. At conferences, staffers are sought out and questioned about all types of articles, even classified ads.

The establishment media and other alternative presses read us and quote us. We’ve been mentioned in the *Phoenix* and the *Real Paper* of Boston, the *Village Voice*, the *Boston Globe* four times (with highest commendations on our news and editing) and many other dailies, weeklies and monthlies in the last year. One of our editorials caused a shake-up in the City Councillor’s office in Boston, a political column on a State Senator is being Xeroxed by him and used as a campaign gimmick, presidential candidates advertised in our pages, numerous national media sources including the Associated Press have contacted us when any story of national importance has focused on gays. The press conference called by GCN and Gay Media Action to release the story of the dismissal of the Fort Devens W.A.C.s was attended by all major media. We may only print 6,000 copies a week, but we have had local, state and national impact. But I guess that our favorite letter came from a teenager; he was so upset about being gay that he was going to commit suicide until he read a story in the GCN written by a teenager who enjoyed being gay. We have so many kinds of successes that we tend to write off our failures with our bad debts.

However, one important test of any

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"Oh, for a Webster's unabridged!" Nancy Walker, volunteer proofreader, studies the galleys.



"If music be the food of love . . ." Margo Schulter, a GCN staff writer, is also a musical performer.



"I suggest you try the bushes along the Esplanade!" Ian Johnson, founder, answers one of the dozens of business calls we receive an hour.

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"Dear Abby, you won't believe what happened to me on the way to work . . ." Marion Tholander, former circulation manager, managing editor, and present head of Intergaylactic Distributors, writes bills.

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to run a three-page paper." Lester with a volunteer.

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"No, Russell, Susan Saxe is not a silver horn." Mary Kennedy works, and Russell Fortune of the ad department, relaxes.

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"Who let that rhino in here?" Lyn Rosen, managing editor, visits with Rhode Island readers.

venture involving money (remember, now, that GCN was founded without any initial capital investment, unlike any conventional business venture) is its financial success. GCN has tried something very new, and has come upon the realization that a collectively-run project cannot continue the same way as it has been without losing money. True, it is a non-profit organization, but that does not mean that it should be a losing venture either. The major staff members (none of whom have outside jobs) still gross only \$90 per week, and even then only when there is enough money for salaries. (An early staff decision made at the paper was that bills must be paid before salaries are paid.) This has resulted in numerous checkless paydays for GCN staffers, three of whom possess master's degrees or more and could be earning considerably more "on the outside." When a week goes by that an employee goes payless, or goes home with a scaled-down paycheck, the balance is entered into an "Accrued Pay" account. They may or may not ever see it. Contributors to the paper's content are unpaid.

Why is the money — even with an annual gross of about \$65,000 — not supporting the people who continue to devote their energies to it? Principles, principles, and more principles — the ones that guide the news, features, and most especially, advertising departments on their operations. Radical lesbian advertisers will not participate because they feel GCN

devotes too much space to coverage of male news and sexist advertising (although GCN has the strongest anti-sexist ad policies of any of the three dozen gay papers in the country). The formidable and lucrative market of gay male pornography advertisers is immediately and categorically excluded by the paper's strict ad policies, and turned off by GCN's coverage of women's events and lesbian news like Susan Saxe. Some gay bars claim the paper is anti-bar, and some businesses claim it is anti-business. The problems of the past that produced principles now promise to produce more problems. (And if that isn't an Agnewism, I don't know what is.)

Jimmy Carter is starting to show his weaknesses.

If the newspaper is to be successful on the final frontier, the economic one, then somewhere along the line someone is going to be forced to compromise. The most promising compromise has been made in the way of non-gay-oriented business

advertising, such as television repair stores or jewelry shops, proving that gay people do more than just go to gay bars. Still, businesses that cater to an all-gay male market must learn that the word gay is not the same as the term gay male, and will perhaps adjust their advertising copy to be less offensive to the other half of the gay world. And maybe — I hope it's not a pipe dream — the region's frenetically feminist lesbians will learn that sexism is a two-way street.

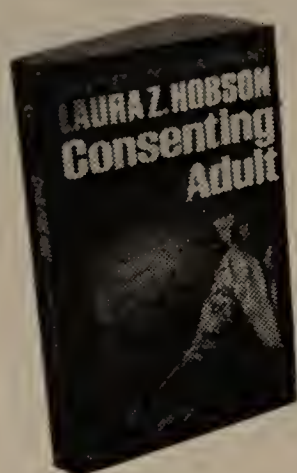
Sexism, ironically but then again perhaps not, is an issue that pervades almost everything at the newspaper. The staff is keenly sensitive to the subject, and even more sensitive to the daily criticisms that "Your paper is too male-oriented," or "Your paper is too dyke-oriented." At one time, consideration was given to measuring the weekly lineage given to news and feature subjects into the categories of Gay Male, Gay Female, and just plain old Gay. As matters now stand, the staff voted last year to ban the

discussion of the subject in the office.

So every week, less than ten paid persons and dozens of volunteers put hundreds of hours work into something that, hopefully, will have Something for Everyone (remember that movie with Michael York and Angela Lansbury?) in it at one time or another. Articles for and by and about gay socialists, fat gays, gay capitalists, gay cab drivers, Black gays, transvestites, gay teenagers, gay teachers, gay alcoholics, gay atheists, and gay politicians. The only thing that the readers have — and the only quality that they are expected to have — is their gayness, not their politics, reading habits, or standards of living.

The e are uncharted journalistic waters as far as I know. For three years, GCN has sought to navigate them with what, quite frankly, has been a minimum of actual community dollar support. But only that element — community support — will enable GCN to stay afloat.

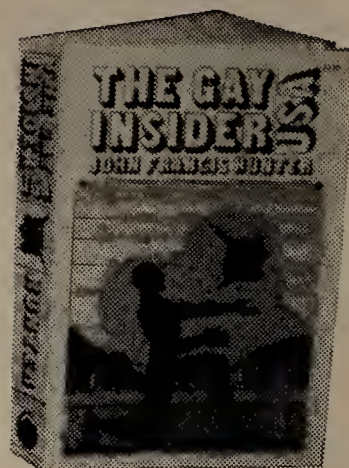
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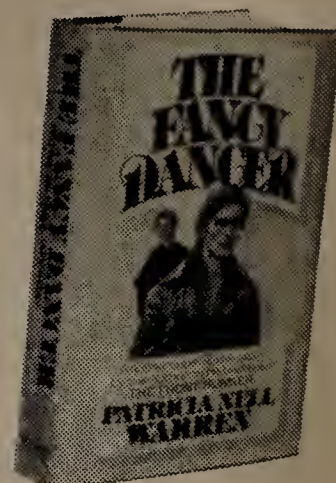
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"I gave up lunch because it was no fun," says Bosco. "People were on short lunch hours and they wanted quick service."

What this waiting is about, is remarkable food, every dish cooked to order from the beginning in the small kitchen. (Bosco wants to build a bigger one, after he finishes the front deck.)

We began with an unusual antipasto with large wedges of cheese, prosciutto (the rarest and finest of hams), genoa salami, real tomatoes, anchovies laid on soothing strips of pimento, and plenty of well-dressed greens.

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by his waiter, who is his son T.J.

The same shrimp are found in a scampi. I have a friend who loves shrimp and never eats them in restaurants because "you never get enough." After this scampi he skipped dessert.

We also studied the veal situation at the House. Veal Cacciatore: we found some tasty, impeccably white scallops of veal in a vast plate of savory peppers, onions, mushrooms and tomato sauce. The Veal Cutlet Parmigiana is a sonata of sweetness and light.

But the masterpieces of the evening were two other veal confections. Veal Marsala, pointed yet not oversweet, held a certain depth in its sauce of wine and mushrooms. This may be the perfect presentation of delicate veal for the

hearty palate. Every molecule of sauce was spooned up.

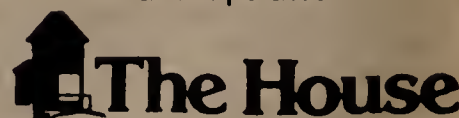
If there is an overall tendency to the House kitchen, it is toward lightness. The sauces are somehow as gay and relaxed as the ambiance. Consider the Veal Rollitine scallops wrapped in more real prosciutto and fontina cheese, sealed al la Parmigiana, and served up in a wine sauce. It sounds busy, and indeed, few restaurant chefs have the ability to balance all these flavors. Usually the veal is overwhelmed, and the whole thing tastes like a blue-ribbon ham and cheese sandwich.

But the House, with laid back wine sauce, and its up front use of authentic ingredients, makes this dish with delicacy and even grace. This Veal Rollitine has its own flavor, and it is a standard against which other dishes of this genre will be measured.

Desserts include Baby Watson cheesecake, of which the advertising is accurate, and a Chocolate Mousse Pie that will send and diabetic into a psychotropic state.

One has a feeling at the House that one is visiting the studio of an eccentric artist. The work in progress is the restaurant building itself, at which Tony Bosco frets and tinkers constantly. The bathroom downstairs, new since my last visit, is a Fellinian environment with walls of distorting mirror material. The distortions are mostly horizontal, and one common effect is of a double body. Everything is painted white like in "8½." Very, very spacy.

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Sexual Identity: a balanced view

Transvestites and Transsexuals: Mixed Views, by Deborah Heller Feinbloom. Delacorte Press / Seymour Lawrence, 1976; 303 pp. (hard-bound), \$12.50.

A Review by J.D. Sitrer

For openers, I'll tell you this book is NOT about GAYS! And since this review is being published in a gay newspaper read predominantly by gay readers, you may wonder why it's being reviewed at all. Well, anyway, it's a nifty book! But I suppose that's not a good enough reason. So how about this?!: "Transvestites, transsexuals and homosexuals are lumped together as social deviants in our culture; and are put down for their deviation from what's 'normal.' " Feinbloom continually differentiates among these three groups; and she does so non-judgmentally, as one would expect coming from a consummate social scientist and, as it happens, a skilled writer.

Still not won over? How about this?!: "Some transvestites are gay, but most aren't." Of course, this book is about those who aren't. OK, then, how about this?!: "Some gays feel transvestites are fence-sitters who haven't made the BIG DECISION to 'go gay all the way.' " Well let me tell you, Cookie, they ain't. And that's a distinction Feinbloom clearly draws throughout this sensitive chronicle of her excursions as a sociologist into the world of heterosexual transvestites and the demimonde of transsexuals, most

of whom, interestingly, also regard themselves as heterosexuals, albeit in the wrong bodies.

Want another reason?: Some closety, up-tight, awkwardly-coming-out homosexuals see sex-reassignment surgery a la the transsexual as a way to help them adjust to their new sexual orientation. And that's, in medical parlance, contra-indicated; in other words, a bad scene. So some of you

reading about those who are perhaps more stigmatized than themselves and with whom they are often confused. It's like walking around in someone else's skin, feeling their feelings and thinking their thoughts. The immediacy and compelling emotion of the cross-dressers' dilemma comes through the many letters and comments from them which Feinbloom has incorporated into her text. As she



confused types should read this book to understand what you *don't* need.

So if you're still not convinced, I'll let Feinbloom speak for herself: "To the extent that we continue to label and isolate the 'deviant' in order only to reinforce our own standards of 'normal,' we are locked into the social order. It is when we can openly explore the meaning of the 'deviance' and challenge the label that we begin to be able to shape our world creatively to respond to our needs." Gays, who ought to have a gut-level appreciation of what it means to be social outcasts, can gain a deeper understanding of the roots of their own oppression through

points out, sexual status and color-caste status are two forms of rank in our society from which the only approved means of escape is death. No upward mobility allowed. And sex-inappropriate behavior is a serious infraction of the social code. That's something any "deviant" gay person can relate to.

The external manifestation of the transvestite's and transsexual's deviance is in the way they dress publicly and privately, occasionally and constantly: men dressed as women and women as men. By an examination of this deviation from approved patterns of dressing and comportment in our society, Feinbloom clearly describes the significance of dressing as a form of personal expression which is culturally determined.

As you might expect, a sexist culture breeds sexist standards for dressing. Women, who are of lower social status, can dress more freely as men (aspire to the elect) than can men dress as women (abdicate higher rank). In a parlor experiment, Feinbloom asked a group of "normal" people to rank six people in order of deviance: a man and woman nude, each half-dressed as the other, and each fully-dressed as the other. All were on public "display." Though there was some equivocation for the others, it was unanimous that the half-dressed man (posing but not passing as a woman) was most deviant, and the half-dressed woman was least deviant. The man was perceived as sick or hysterically funny, the woman as sexy and seductive.

In dress and behavior, there were some interesting differences between transvestites (TVs) and transsexuals: "The definition of a 'woman' or a 'man,' transsexual style, is far less stereotyped than in the transvestite world." "At dances, the queens [gay TVs] are in high-style regalia; the transvestite [straight TV] looks more as though he was dressed for a PTA formal." At the risk of stereotyping, the male transsexual is generally a "natural" woman in appearance and behavior, a straight TV "sedate," and a gay TV "flamboyant." The gay TV dresses and acts "flamboyantly" to sexually attract men, and the straight TV "sedately" to express his feminine nature. The transsexual is "naturally" expressing a gender identity (self-concept) which happens to conflict with a gender role (social perception) — the right sex in the wrong body.

This calls attention to the difference between maleness and femaleness that is another focus of the book. These ineffable qualities, which our society

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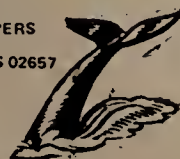
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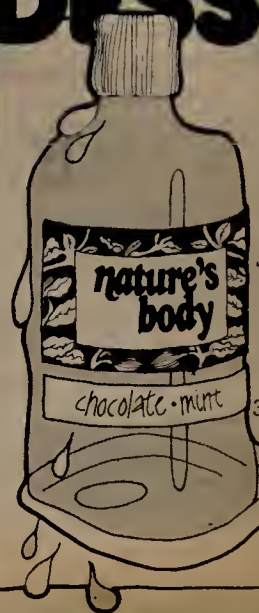


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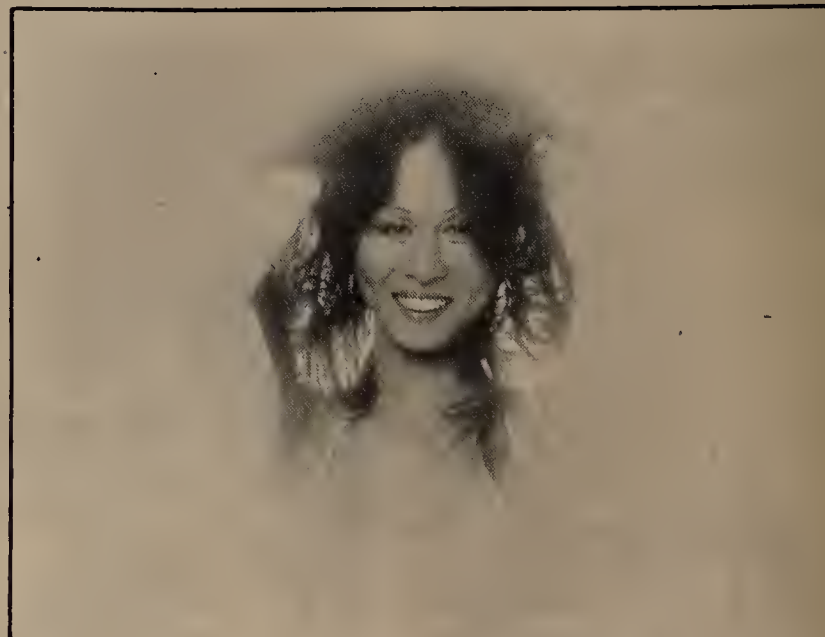
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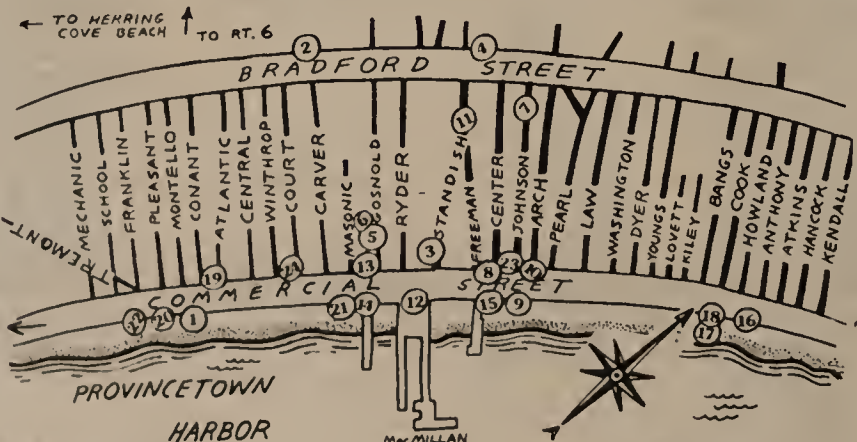


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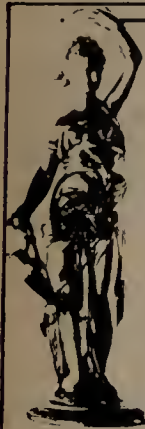
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Lovers Without Illusions

By J. D. Sitrer

In preparing the first article in the series "Lover Fantasies," I interviewed five mental health specialists. One, Michael Sherwood, so thoroughly and incisively discussed the complex subject I had wished to cover, I felt his interview deserved a separate article.

Michael Sherwood was Acting Chief of Psychiatry at Boston Hospital for Women, Instructor in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, Clinical Instructor in Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine, and was a staff psychiatrist at South Shore Hospital and St. Elizabeth's Hospital. He was on the Board of Directors of the Homophile Community Health Service, was a psychiatric consultant to the Gender Identity Service, and maintained a private practice, Boston Psychiatric Associates.

I interviewed Michael for this article on February 14. On March 16 he died suddenly. I shall miss him, and will always remember him. He was my friend. — JDS

J. D. Sitrer: How do you feel about fantasies as part of lover relationships?
Michael Sherwood: My views on fantasies are somewhat pejorative. And that will color everything I say; because one of my working parameters, or definitions, of maturity is the ability to live without fantasies, the ability to live without stereotypes or roles, the ability to live face-to-face with real people in real relationships.

JDS: Can't lovers have expectations for their relationships?
MS: Many people enter into relationships with what they consider to be realistic expectations only to discover that their expectations aren't being met. At that point they either break-up or come into therapy. They look at each other and say, "I finally woke up one day, and she wasn't everything I wanted," or, "He wasn't doing everything I needed." And they ask, "Is this the end of our relationship, doctor?" I say, "Not necessarily; potentially it's the beginning of a relationship."

JDS: How do they get into such a mess in the first place?
MS: What is often thought to be a realistic expectation is really a fantasy projection. And the fantasy projection is usually based on what I call the narcissistic fallacy, which has two premises. The first premise is that there is someone out there who exactly fits the peaks and valleys of myself; who is out where I go in, who is tough where I am soft and soft where I am strong. There is someone who interdigitates completely with all the idiosyncrasies of myself. The second premise is not only that there is someone out there who matches me perfectly, but that if I find him or her we will operate in phase; they'll always want to read when I do and want to dance when I'm ready to dance. There is someone who, in a psychological sense, is my mirror image. That's the narcissistic fallacy: we don't seek to meet another person, but rather to meet a projection fantasy of someone who will fill a void in ourselves. People who operate with the narcissistic fallacy in their relationships invariably discover that all their needs are not being met by their partners. They then come to therapy and ask, "Does this mean we're not meant for each other?" I think it means, in fact, they are beginning to realize that relationships do not overcome separateness, they do not overcome the uniqueness of the individual. We do not merge together to form a greater being. Rather, we clarify, we make meaningful, or at least tolerable, the separateness of individual existences. We recognize the otherness of the other.

JDS: Is it generally very difficult for lovers to recognize one another's "otherness?"
MS: Once you recognize otherness you have to go through a period of profound despair. This is because at the same time you say he or she can't be everything to me, the converse also becomes apparent, that I can't be everything to him or her. And after you've given up the narcissistic fallacy that you can have a lover who's the mirror image of yourself, there comes the despair of the knowledge that you are imperfect, that you're not the perfect mirror image of your lover either. On the other side of despair is the potential for realistic relating.

JDS: But part of relating is sharing. What's so wrong with doing things together?
MS: "We're a good team," is a phrase I've heard in therapy from a lot of couples.

Sherwood



"Somehow we make a good team, but why can't we make a marriage?" The reason is their image of a team is a one-person show; that out of the two of them they'll make one, whole, integrated person. They don't want a relationship, they want a union, a consummation, a merging. And that often proves unsatisfactory.

JDS: Do many people come to you with lover problems?
MS: I work a great deal with couples. About half of my private clients are not in fact individuals but relationships, couples. I have gay and straight couples, married and unmarried.
JDS: What approach do you take to couples counseling?
MS: This may sound like a contradiction to you, but I tell people from the start that I'm not treating a marriage, I'm not treating a relationship, I'm treating two individuals who are involved in some way with each other in a pattern of involvement that is not satisfying. Each of the two individuals is going to get some help to enable them to understand themselves and then to understand the other person. They can then make a decision as to whether or not to stay together. But I am not treating the relationship.

JDS: Do many other therapists use the same approach?
MS: Some say that a relationship should be preserved at all costs for the good of the family, for the good of the children, for the sake of the estate, or for the sake of something or other. I don't have that as a commitment. And I make this clear to clients, because occasionally they make it clear to me that they want their relationship problem solved within the context of staying together. And they want a therapist who is not going to consider separation or divorce as an alternative. So I have this limit that they might or might not be prepared to accept in a proposed therapeutic relationship with me.
JDS: Is that an iron-clad rule for you in a therapeutic relationship with couples?
MS: No, just a preference. One of the things you learn as a therapist is to reach patients where they're at. You do not attempt to inculcate values. You can help people to improve a relationship and still feel strongly that they're mismatched. People get married for the right reasons and for the wrong reasons. And they get separated and divorced for the right and wrong reasons too. There are good and bad reasons for everything we do in life. It's important to be clear about what your reasons are for doing something, and that they appear to be good reasons at the time.

JDS: Do good reasons for relating always lead to good relationships?
MS: No. And on the other hand, many people become lovers for bad reasons; nevertheless, they end up with excellent relationships. And many people separate

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She hasn't called me in six months. Some days I don't think about it at all, but other days I see women with long tangled hair falling into their faces, looking as if they just got out of bed. Then I think of her. Then sadness fills me, and I ache for the sight of her face.

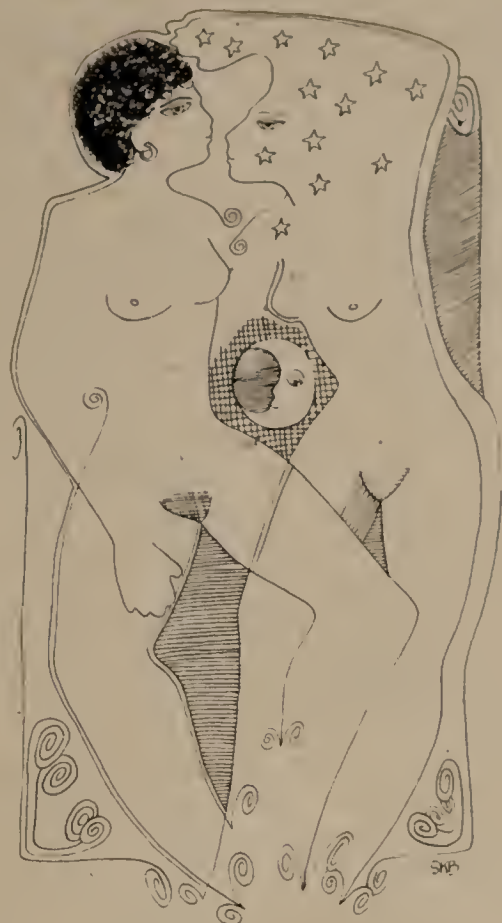
IRIS has eyes like a porcelain Chinese empress. She should wear gold and brocade and float through perfumed rooms in satin slippers. Iris goes in clouds of many-colored scarves, and I won't ever see orange blossoms without thinking of her. Or sea shells. Or Toulouse-Lautrec. Or eyes a certain dark shade of blue. Iris, who has a sharp edge that can quickly turn sun to shadow, gets angry when people say her eyes are Oriental. "They mean strange," she says. I think they mean exotic like her name, after those great purple flowers with the saffron centers that bordered the walls of our grandmothers' gardens.

IRIS scares me because I never know whether I'll say the right thing quick enough or leave the wrong things unsaid, or which is which from one day to the next. She is skittish, like a colt, high-stung like a thoroughbred mare. She is never mellow, or rarely, but sometimes the laughter flows out of her like the peals of children on spring days as they race home from school. She never stops to hear what I *really* said if what she thinks I have said upsets her. Iris is hard to talk to, sometimes, but she is oh so bright like the evening star and oh so beautiful like a harvest moon. Full and opulent and ripe.

In the group she tells of being raped. Everyone in the room sits as if under a spell. I shake with shared rage, shared pain. She speaks of her mother who drifts outside the borders of our world. My pain merges with hers. The child Iris who always spoke too sharp, too soon, how like the child Nancy. Now calm down, Iris . . . Stop pouting, Nancy . . . they cooed to us in their softer-than-silk southern accents. She raged against them. To no avail. They murmured behind closed doors that she was crazy. (They still do.) She knew it was they who were crazy.

Or were they right? Why were you different? I ask, trying to get a grip on why I was. Two exiled children of the south. No wonder we found each other for awhile. Southern roots, uprooted, seek out familiar soil. Jasmine and lilacs and interminable summer evenings . . . a grandmother's brittle bones rattling against china cups . . . a man whose silence blackens the spring . . . the scent of cedarwood mingled with handmade lace, and somehow we know it will be there no matter how far away . . . because that's what they always told us . . . FAMILY . . . ROOTS, and hasn't it been true, to a certain extent?

Something we had, never comes again after the day we listen to



music while lying on the blue velvet couch. The flow is gone. Our chance is gone. Iris is gone. She sweeps out of the house like a gust of March wind, and leaves me feeling as inept as a child with its first mechanical toy. Her slow-coming laughter drifts out of my hearing. She wanted to be part of my life, and I wouldn't take her in.

We go to lunch a few times, to the museum. We sit at a sidewalk cafe, sipping lemonade, talking about art. I tell her I could fall in love with her. But I can't make it happen quickly enough. I am not willing to risk losing what is already there for me, if fading. And she won't wait.

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for the wrong reasons; and certainly the narcissistic fallacy is a bad reason to break-up. Yet there are people whose relationships work precisely because they're built upon fantasy, especially where fantasies cross generational relationships. There's the fantasy to be protected or to be protective; there's the fantasy to act-out a relationship with one's father figure that one never really had as a child; and there's the fantasy to be the father figure to one's youthful lover, in the role of the son one never had or the youth one never was. One sees apparently healthy relationships strictly built upon fantasy. And they work because the partners' fantasies fit together neatly. Lovers in fantasy relationships only come into therapy when one or the other partner is changing fantasies; for example, when the fantasy of dependency and protection is being given up by one partner in exchange for a new sense of self-realization and self-sufficiency.

JDS: How do you feel about role-playing in lover relationships?

MS: Roles are another aspect of fantasy. The ability to live without roles is a sign of maturity. That is, the ability to simultaneously entertain the possibility of different roles and the ability in different periods of one's relationship to freely enter into a role and to freely give it up, this is a mature skill. But to live without is not the same thing as to do without. I am not saying freely-entered-into roles and switching roles are not in fact signs of health. The distinction to be made is whether or not a role-limits you. Does a role enhance what is already pretty good, or is it a substitute for something that is otherwise not there at all. The analogy is with the use of drugs. People who misuse drugs are people for whom the drugs don't really work. They keep going back to the well, because it didn't quench the thirst the first time around. In the same way, role playing can ultimately have the same effect of giving up one's freedom to the role.

JDS: How about exclusivity?

MS: I think exclusivity for some people is the only way to go. But I don't think it is the *sine qua non* of a true lover relationship. Even straight couples are now getting involved in guilt-free simultaneous and sequential lover relationships.

JDS: What differences have you seen between gays and straights, women and men, when interacting with one another as lovers?

MS: What we're concerned about is the quality of the relationship, whether or not it is blessed by the clergy or by society. What the plumbing is, is unimportant. The most important sex organ is the head, not what's between the legs.

JDS: Surely societal conditioning affects the head. Aren't these effects significant and distinguishable between straights and gays or men and women?

MS: To some extent. And the difference lies in our culture's attitude toward nurturing. I use the word nurturing as opposed to mothering or dependency. I

believe nurturing to be a positive value, a positive ability. The need for nurturing, for comforting, is equally important for women and men, straight and gay. And the ability to nurture, to give comfort, is one of the goals I would set for therapy with couples, because often it is the male's failure to nurture his female or male lover that is at the root of their problem. Nurturing is made up of receptivity and expansivity. I use the words receptive and expansive instead of female and male or passive and active. In our culture, males are denied the privilege — of knowing receptivity: the ability to receive another into himself; the ability to freely give-up his independence; the ability to freely accept the over-bearingness of his partner without feeling an assault on his own masculinity. Likewise, expansivity — the exhilarated outflowing of one's individuality — is another privilege that is often denied women in our society.

JDS: So there is some difference in nurturing expectations between the sexes. Now how about sexual orientation? Are there differences there too?

MS: Not so much anymore. In the Fifties and Sixties there were more stereotypical gay men and women. And their lifestyles were a function of their perceived deviance from societal norms. What Freud wrote about homosexuality being related to paranoid schizophrenia was in fact a mistaken etiology. But it was an acute social perception: deviants see themselves as outsiders, and hence develop to some degree paranoid feelings. Paranoia is a highly-rated survival tactic if you're a deviant. And in the Fifties and Sixties, gay people, perceiving themselves as deviants and needing to develop an identity, moved in opposite directions to the prevailing stereotypes of masculinity and femininity. So gay men affected passive behavior, and gay women affected aggressive behavior. You ended up with the fairy stereotype on the one side and the diesel dyke stereotype on the other. You don't see these people anymore, not as patients in therapy or as non-patients. These stereotypes were reactions to cultural oppression. Now with the lessening of oppression, gay men are moving toward self-acceptance of themselves as males, but without the need to conform to a specific form of maleness. Likewise, gay women are now more comfortable with being women, working out an identity for themselves that is not based upon socially-presumed stereotypes. Self-acceptance by gay people has led to healthier relationships, a lessening of promiscuity as being the stereotypical norm. The idea that there are not now many successful long-term homosexual lover relationships is patently wrong to any perceptive social observer.

JDS: Good. Things are improving.

MS: The prime essential for any long-term relationship is a healthy relationship to yourself, self-acceptance. You have to love yourself first before you can afford the luxury of loving someone else. It's a platitude, but it's true.

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ascribes to men (active, physical, dominant) and women (passive, sensuous, submissive), are part of us all, in different proportions, regardless of sex or sexual orientation. The transsexual author Jan (nee James) Morris attempted to get a handle on these qualities from a very personal viewpoint (inside view) in his/her chronicle of life in the wrong-body-made-right, *Conundrum*. His male "rhythm" was very intense when as a fit young journalist he was climbing the slopes of Mount Everest. His female "bril-

liance" was very intense when as a child he sat under a piano or as an undergraduate sat under a tree in an Oxford quad. (Interesting symbolism!) Feinbloom, who, by the bye, is an authentic biological lady, takes a different approach: that of a perceptive observer and intelligent interpreter. She does not try to intellectualize away the dichotomy between society's concepts of "maleness" and "femaleness," but recognizes it on an emotional level, the same level on which the transsexual and transvestite are work-

ing.

More so than Morris, Feinbloom emphasizes that the differentness of these sex-specific emotional qualities is in large part culturally conditioned, though she acknowledges that as yet undiscovered genetic, hormonal and other physiological factors may be significant, at least for transsexuals. Further, her book represents a challenge to us all to re-examine these concepts and their relevance for our own lives: "By defining himself or herself as living in the wrong body and

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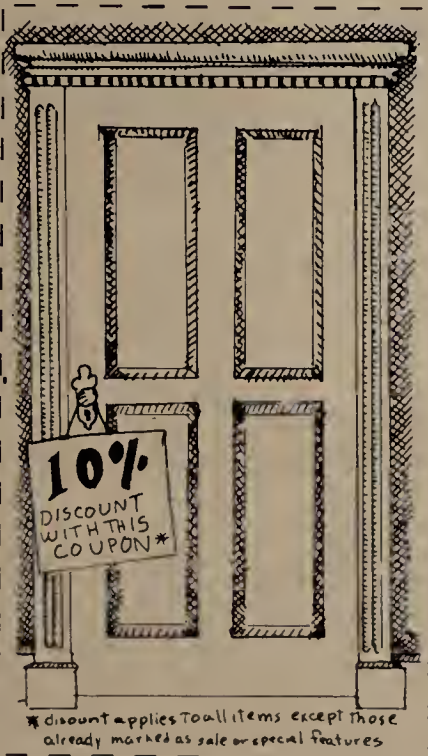
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Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368
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Women's Community Health in Cambridge 547-2302

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Dignity/Merrimack Valley, P.O. Box 348, Lowell 01853
Gay Activists Alliance, c/o Postmaster, General Delivery, Provincetown 487-3393, 487-3234, 487-3344
Gay Community Services, Box 815, Provincetown, 02657.

Gaypeople/Drop-In Center, Campus Center, 100 Elliot St., Haverhill 01830 374-0929
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Providence Gay Group of AA 231-5853

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Maine Gay Task Force, 193 Middle St., Portland 773-5530
Maine Gay Task Force Newsletter, P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04112 773-5530
Gay People's Alliance, 92 Bedford St., University of Maine, Portland 04103 773-2981x535
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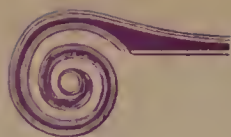
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Vermont Gay Women 862-7770, 863-3237

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Gay Switchboard 924-4036
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Lambda Legal Defense, P.O. Box 5448, Grand Central Station, NYC 10017; (212) 758-1905.
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Lesbian Switchboard 741-2610
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MCC/New York, 207 W. 13th St. (corner of 7th Ave.), Sunday worship 7 pm 691-7428
National Coalition of Gay Activists, P.O. Box A-711, Grand Central Station, NYC, 10017
National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., Rm. 506, NYC 741-1010
Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, 15 Christopher St 255-8097



June 21 thru 27



21 mon

Boston — Meeting for the entire gay community at City Hall in the Gallery Hall, 7:30, discussion of gay concerns, help make our voices heard.

Boston — Three lesbians from the Boston gay community will be on "Woman '76" to discuss the past/present/future of the gay community, WBZ-TV, Ch. 4, 12:30pm.

22 tues

Boston — Modern Dance class for beginners, series of 10 classes, must register before 2nd class, open to women & men, 7:30, sponsored by GRAC, \$1 per class, write box 8000, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., 02108 or call 289-7678.

NY — Lesbian Films, *Monday Morning Pronouns* by Micki Dickoff plus shorts, 8pm, Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St.

Poughkeepsie, NY — Meeting of Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carol St., 8pm, speakers from Gay Activists Alliance.

24 thur

West Hartford, CT — Pink Triangle Commemoration for the gay people killed in Nazi Germany at Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 50 Bloomfield St., 7:45, sponsored by MCC.

Cambridge, MA — Benefit performance of *Working* by Newbury St. Theatre; 8pm, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave., for Vocations for Social Change.

NYC — "Something Hopeful," today thru Sunday, June 27, 7:30pm, \$2.50, a gift from gay performing artists to the gay community, at The Glines, 260 W. B'way.

25 fri

Amherst, MA — People's Gay Alliance of UMass hosts disco dance, 9pm at Farley Lodge, \$1 donation, refreshments, info call 545-0145.

Worcester, MA — Wine and Cheese Party, 7pm, 2 Wellington St., bring \$1 and a bottle of your favorite wine.

NYC — Good Gay Poets from Boston will read at 12 midnight, sponsored by Mouth of the Dragon, \$1, free refreshments, at The Glines, 260 W. B'way.

NY — Concert with Casse Culver, Alix Dobkin and Willie Tyson, 8pm, St. Paul's Church, Columbia U., 117th & Broadway, for women only.

26 sat

Providence, RI — "Congress of People with Gay Concerns," 10am, at Roger Williams Spring on North Main St., all invited.

Providence, RI — Gay Pride Parade, downtown, sponsored by "Toward a Gayer Bicentennial Committee."

Providence, RI — Midnight Prayer Vigil, Steps of Federal Building, Kennedy Plaza, for the "Victims of the Holocaust and Other Gay People Who Died Unknown or Unremembered."

Boston — Gay Pride Picnic on Esplanade Hatch Shell, 1pm,

NY — Lesbian Rally & Picnic, noon at the East Green, 72nd St. and Fifth Ave.

New York City — Gay Activists Alliance sponsors "Gay Pride Dance" at West Side Discussion Group Center, 37 Ninth Ave. (at 14th St.), at 9pm, \$2 donation; refreshments available.

NY — Women's Dance, 9pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 76th St. and Central Park W.

NY — Gay Pride Dance at WSDG 37 9th Ave. (near 14th St.) 9pm, all invited.

NYC — The Outlaw's Ball, disco warehouse party, Warehouse "B," 84 King St., Greenwich Village, 10pm; \$10 to benefit GAA; info call 924-7263.

27 sun

NYC — Gay Pride March, assemble at Christopher St. and 7th Ave. at 12 noon for march up 6th Ave.

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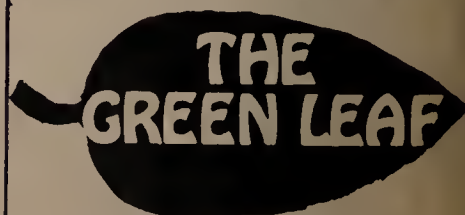
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